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Elizabeth Smart kidnapping: Brian David Mitchell pleaded not guilty in Salt Lake City on Thursday to kidnapping and other charges in the knifepoint abduction of Elizabeth

Mitchell, a street preacher and self-pro claimed prophet, answered "not guilty" six times for each of the charges read to him

by the judge. Trial was set for the first

week in February. Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee, are both charged with kidnapping the then-14-year-old from her bedroom in The girl was allegedly taken into the foothills near the home, sexually assaulted and kept as Mitchell's second wife.

North Dakota gay marriage: North Dakotans gathered enough signatures to force a November vote on a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, the secretary of state said Wednesday.

A netition circulated by the North Dakota Family Alliance had 42.093 legal signatures, considerably more than the 25,688 needed to put the idea on the November ballot, Al Jaeger said

Peterson trial: Prosecutors say Scott Peterson was so worried his wife's body would surface in San Francisco Bay that he visited the area several times after reporting her disappearance. Defense lawyers say he was simply checking on the search efforts

Prosecutors called numerous police wit-nesses Wednesday who tailed Peterson in the weeks after his pregnant wife Laci was re ported missing on Dec. 24, 2002. They described how Peterson visited the Berkley Marina three times - on Jan. 5, Jan. 6 and Jan. 9 - as police scoured the bay for Laci's body

Tropical Storm Gaston: Tropical Storm Gaston will likely wipe out the \$16 million that Virginia has earmarked for emergency road repairs, the state Department of Trans portation said.

VDOT estimates that repairing wrecked ds and bridges will cost \$10 million to \$20 million. State highway crews continued working Thursday to open about 120 roads

War on terrorism

NATO in Afghanistan: NATO is close to meeting a commitment to holster its peacekeeping force in Afghanistan with extra ops and aircraft to help provide security during presidential election there in Octo-



Milosevic trial: The U.N. war crimes tribunal at The Hague imposed two defense lawyers on Slobodan Milosevic in Thursday's effort to end repeated trial delays and because doctors have warned that representing himself threatens the former Yugoslav strongman's health. The tribunal's judges named British attorneys Steven Kay and Gillian Higgins, until now court observers ensuring fair proceedings, as Milosevic's defense counsels. They will take over the case from Sept. 7 when his first witnesses are due to be called.

ber, allied officials said Wednesday.

Officials said a force of 5,000 would be nearly doubled ahead of the election, as planned, although that will include a battalion of U.S. troops stationed outside Afghanistan as an "over the horizon" force ready to intervene if there is trouble.

World

Gibraltar talks: Officials of Spain and Gibraltar rehashed various issues in dispute at their highest-level meeting in several vears, both sides confirmed Thursday.

But spokesmen declined to say whether progress was made on Spain's efforts to re-cover the British colony at its southern tip, which celebrated 300 years of British rule

last month. The recently elected Socialist government of Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero was irritated by Gibraltar's anniversary celebration.

Clergy sex abuse: Pope John Paul II assured American bishops from New England on Thursday that he supports their efforts to address the damage wrought by clerical sex abuse, acknowledging the scandal "cast a shadow" on the Church.

The pope urged them to encourage their

flock to persevere in their faith and asked the bishops to be "strongly supportive" of those priests suffering from "the much-publicized failings" of some of their fellow cler-

South Korea nukes: The U.N. nuclear watchdog is investigating a secret urani-um-enrichment experiment that South Korean scientists conducted four years ago, U.N. and South Korean officials said Thursday.

The single experiment in early 2000 was revealed in a report South Korea presented last month to the Vienna, Austria-based International Atomic Energy Agency, the Sci-ence and Technology Ministry said in a

Afghan fighting: Militants armed with guns and rockets attacked Afghan troops manning a checkpoint in a Taliban stronghold, injuring three soldiers before Ameri-can forces came to their aid, the U.S. military said Thursday

In another incident, a rocket ignited a fuel tanker outside an American base near the Pakistani border, an Afghan official said. It was unclear if anyone was hurt.

Chalabi case: An Iraqi judge will decide as soon as Thursday whether to allow the counterfeiting case against former Iraq Governing Council member Ahmad Chalabi to go ahead Speaking to reporters later, Chalabi said that the warrant had been downgraded to a court summons and the charges themselves had been dropped. Al-Maliky agreed that the warrant had been reduced but said the charges against Chalabi were still pending Wednes-

Business

Halliburton investigation: Halliburton says an internal investigation has found that a consortium it later took over had once considered bribing Nigerian officials to win an

energy contract.

Documents found during the investigation of the \$180 million bribery scandal sug-gested the payments were discussed at least 10 years ago, before Halliburton took the lead of the multinational business group TSKJ.

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Above: Senior Airman Frank Jenkins of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron is welcomed home from a three-month deployment by his son Ethan during a welcoming ceremony Thursday at Yokota Air Base Japan, Right: Some of the approximately 300 Yokota family memb and co-workers on hand for the homecoming eagerly wait to be reunited with their loved ones and friends



Airmen return home from war on terror

Yokota troops greeted with joy and relief after three-month deployment

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -Troops from Yokota and Kadena air bases were back on familiar turf Thursday, fresh off a deploy-ment in which they boosted forces fighting the war on terrorism primarily in Iraq and Afghani-

passenger plane routed straight from Southwest Asia stopped first at Kadena Air Base on Okinawa, then touched down at Yokota just before 4 p.m. In all, about 125 airmen returned to the

Pacific.

Most left three months ago, as part of a scheduled rotation within the Air Force's Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle. All filled various support roles in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, spre across the Middle East region. spread

The servicemembers, decked out in desert hattle-dress uniforms, emerged from the plane one by one at Yokota as a public-address announcer reeled off 90 names.

After making their through a line of senior military officials led by Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airlift Wing commander, they poured onto a section of the flight line just behind Building 400, where they were greeted by co-workers, family and friends. This is great," said Senior Air-

man Danielle Ring of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron. "The flight seemed very, very long. Everybody was just anxious and ex-cited about getting back home." Jennifer Allar, cradling her

2-year-old son, Ethan, couldn't

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wait to get a glimpse of her husband. Derek. She said the last 90 days included a few nervous moments, especially when news from Iraq hit the airwaves.

"I'm paranoid," she said. "I'm always checking the news, Internet and TV — just to make sure everything's OK.

"I'm very excited to see him. This is his second deployment. The first time, [Ethan] was a

When Derek Allar, a senior airman with the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, finally located his family Thursday, the initial reunion between him and his son was a bit awkward.

"My son acted kind of scared at first," Jennifer Allar said "I guess it's because Daddy looks a little different.'

Added Derek Allar, "My son: He's huge. It's just good to be home. It was a long trip but it's good to get back.'

Yoko Morgan, with 4-year-old daughter Alicia in tow, tried to maintain composure while waiting for her husband, Stefan, a technical sergeant with the 374th Services Division, to step off the plane.

want to cry," she said. "That's why I'm wearing sunglass-

es right now, hiding my face.
"I was worried about him, watching TV and the news. I'm just glad he's back safe."

Heidi Reed said she tried to keep herself occupied while her

husband, Staff Sgt. Marcus Reed, a 374th Civil Engineer Squadron member, was deployed.

"It's a nervous feeling," she now. It's starting to a little bit. "I work full time, so I stayed pretty busy. I didn't not watch the news, but I tried not to be too wor

ried'

Several squadrons and agencies were represented in the de ployment, including civil engineer, communications, mission support, wing staff, medical, logisreadiness, maintenance, aircraft maintenance, operational support, air postal, comptroller, weather, security forces, contracting and services

While downrange, all person nel worked 12-14 hour shifts seven days a week.

"That was the worst part. It was pretty bad, pretty tough. But it feels great to be back," said Airman 1st Class James Thompson, standing next to his wife, Michelle, and 4-year-old son, Cole. "I'm more nervous than anything, just seeing them again. It's great seeing my son. He looks a lit-tle taller."

Airman 1st Class Jeff Galdikas of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, an unmarried servicemember, was among those anticipating the mandatory two-week leave period granted the returning troops.

A few of his buddies turned out

to greet him.
"Half our shop was over there
with us," Galdikas said. "I'm just looking forward to getting back here and hanging out with my

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Staff Sgt. Gerald Benitez of the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron embraces his wife, Milanie, and daughter, Abby Mei, during the Yokota welcoming ceremony Thursday.

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French envoys plead for release of hostages

By KIM HOUSEGO

BAGHDAD - French envoys held crisis talks with Muslim clerics in Iraq on Thursday in a desperate bid to free two kidnapped journalists as a militant group released a video purportedly show-ing the killing of three Turkish hostages and warning foreigners to leave the country.

Representatives of the French Council for the Muslim Faith which serves as a link to President Jacques Chirac, met with leaders of an influential Sunni clerical organization with alleged ties to insurgents at a Baghdad mosque and urged them to intervene.

"Journalists have never been enemies of any people," said Abdallah Zekri, a French council official. "Free them. But free them whilst we are here. Their families are suffering, their children are in pain."

After the session, the envoys expressed hope the men would be released, but Sheik Abdul-Sattar Abdul-Jabbar, a member of the clerical Muslim Scholars Association, said that his group does not have any proof that the two hostages are still alive

"Until now we don't have any contact, whether direct or indirect, with the kidnappers. The only contact is the appeal we made through the media asking for the release. Abdul-Jabbar said.

Nevertheless Zekri There are much more reasons to trust in a serene, very positive outcome of the situation rather than the contrary."

Ambassador Bernard Bajolet has received confirmation that the two French journalists are alive and well, a spokesman for the French Embassy in Baghdad said Thursday. The spokesman declined to provide further details.

A militant group calling itself 'The Islamic Army of Iraq" said it had kidnapped veteran French reporters Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot and was demanding France lift its ban on Islamic head scarves in public schools.

Muslim leaders in France, who have largely opposed the law but denounced the hostage-taking, urged calm as millions of French students opened the school year Thursday with the new law in effect. It was not immediately clear whether any girls defied the law by wearing head scarves

Although the law bans students from wearing apparel like the Jewish skull cap and large Christian crosses, it clearly targets head scarves, viewed as a sign of rising Muslim fundamentalism and a threat to modern-day France's secular society.

Since the militants released a video Saturday saying they had kidnapped the men, the French



Abdallah Zekri, a member of the French Islamic delegation, appeals to kidnappers Thursday to release two French hostages at a news conference in the Um al-Ooura mosque in Baghdad.

government has been working furiously for their release.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier was in Qatar on Thurs-day after high-level talks in Cairo, Egypt, and Amman, Jordan. It was not known whether he planned to travel on to Baghdad, where a French special envoy has been dispatched to pursue back-channel contacts with the hostage-takers.

After the meeting at the Bagh dad mosque, Sheik Harith al-Dhari of the Muslim Scholars Association which is believed to have links to Sunni insurgents, called for the immediate release of the French hostages

"I appeal to the kidnappers to release the hostages immediate-ly, immediately. I have never used the word immediately before, but I am using it in appreciation for this [French] delegation," he told reporters.

The meeting Thursday came as pan-Arab television station Al-Jazeera reported that it had received a video from a militant group in Iraq linked to al-Qaida that showed three Turkish hostages being killed

The station said it had a statenent claiming responsibility from Tawhid and Jihad, a group linked to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian militant held responsible for a string of bombings, kidnappings and other attacks in Iraq

The station broadcast only part of the video, but not the footage showing the killings. It did not say how the three were killed

The brief segment broadcast showed three men sitting on the floor with three masked men, two of them armed, standing behind them. One of the masked men read a statement.

"The time of forgiveness has gone. You have nothing left but killing and beheading," said the brief printed Arabic statement, which Al-Jazeera showed on its screen

The video coincided with the discovery by Iraqi police of the bodies of two Turkish citizens and an unidentified man at a rural farm in northern Iraq

It could not be immediately con firmed whether the bodies belonged to the men in the video. Police said they were only able to identify two of the men, Majeed Mohammed and Yahva Oadir. both of Turkish nationality.

The Foreign Ministry in Ankara and the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad both said they had no information.

Militants waging a violent 16-month insurgency in Iraq have increasingly turned to kidnapping foreigners here as part of an effort to drive out coalition forces and contractors Other groups have taken hostages in hopes of extorting ransom, sometimes masking their greed under a cloak of politics.

In recent days, a chorus of worldwide Muslim voices - from human rights groups to hardline religious clerics — pleaded for the release of the French hostages in an unprecedented display of unity. The vigorous French efforts to secure the release of the iournalists came as another militant group released seven foreign truck drivers Wednesday, whom they held hostage for six weeks, after receiving a half-million-dollar ransom payment.

Meanwhile, in Fallujah, angry crowds denounced the United States as they mourned the victims of a U.S. airstrike on an alleged militant safehouse that killed 17 people, including three children, and left a gaping six-vard crater.

"There is only one God, Allah!" crowds chanted at the Fallujah General Hospital where the bombing casualties were brought before dawn Thursday. A blanket filled with body parts could be seen lying on the ground, while relatives loaded corpses into the ack of a pickup truck for burial.

The U.S. military said it had carried out a precision strike late Wednesday on a safehouse in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad. used by followers of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian militant believed responsible for bombings, kidnappings and other violence in Iraq

Witnesses said the strike hit a residential house in the southern neighborhood of al-Jubail.

Dr Ahmed Hamid of Falluigh General Hospital, said the bodies of nine civilians, including three children, had been brought to the hospital. An Associated Press reporter at the scene saw eight more bodies pulled from the rubble.



Kurdish politician Fuad Masoum, the newly elected president of the Iraqi National Council, left, talks to Salma al-Khafaii on Wednesday during the council's first meeting in Baghdad.

Iraq National Council seated amid more mortar attacks

By Mariam Fam The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A 100-member transitional assembly intended to serve as a watchdog over the interim Iraqi government until January elections convened for the first time Wednesday at a ceremony in Baghdad marked by mortar attacks and differences among dele-

The swearing-in ceremony of the National Council was the final step in putting together a caretaker administration after sovereignty was returned to Iraq and interim Prime Minister Avad Allawi took power June 28.

But before the ceremony had even begun, a debate broke out over the wording of the oath of office that was only resolved after a round of haggling. Members then walked up to the

podium in groups of 10 to take the oath, standing against a backdrop of five Iraqi flags and a banner that read: "For a new Irag."

The assembly "is an important and positive step toward achieving and realizing the dreams of the Iraqi people," said Mohammed Bahr al-Ulloum, who headed the event

The mechanism and timing of choosing the council's president emerged as one of the main sticking points.

After hours of speeches and debates, members finally picked Fuad Masoum, an ethnic Kurd who last month headed a national conference of 1,300 Iraqis that chose many of the assembly's

members, to lead the body in a last-minute show of hands.

The council has the power to approve the national budget and veto some government decisions with a two-thirds majority vote.

Masoum said the exchanges and loaded discussions were a sign that democracy was taking root in Iraq.

"The discussions were serious and heated ... this is an indication of a democratic atmosphere," Masoum said, adding that the vote was the result "a legal and legitimate process that no one objected

Masoum was seen by many delegates both as a competent leader and, as a Kurd, able to provide an ethnic balance within the caretaker administration that also includes Allawi, a Shiite Arab, and interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab.

Several prominent political figures failed to show up, including the leaders of the country's two main Kurdish parties, Jalal Talabani and Massoud Barzani, as well as an influential Shiite leader. Abdel Aziz al-Hakim. Masoum said some of those absent were sick abroad or busy

The council also set up an 11-member committee to review and revise a draft establishing the assembly's regulations.

As the meeting convened, several mortar rounds exploded near the convention center, inside the heavily guarded Green Zone enclave, wounding one person, the U.S. military said. Two rounds U.S. military said. Two rounds later landed in the Green Zone itself, sending up a plume of gray

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Hostages still captive in Russian school

BY MIKE ECKEL

The Associated Press
BESLAN, Russia — Camouflaged security agents carried babies to safety after militants holding hundreds of hostages at a school released at least 26 women and children Thursday, and officials expressed hope that negotiations would bring more progress in the standoff in southern Rus-

sian. But a crowd of hostages' relatives keeping vigil outside the school was shaken when a pair of explosions went off just almost fired receiptions with a pair of the release. Officials said militants fired receipt-puelled greenades at the state of the relative said height of the relative said they saw a gutted car that apparently had been hit, about 100 yards from the school.

The developments came after a night of telephone negotiations between Russian authorities and the militants, who stormed the school Wednesday, rounding up hundreds of children and adults into a gym and threatening to blow up the building if police launch an assault.

Local official Lev Dzugayev said 26 women and children of various ages were released and called their freedom "the first success," expressing hope for further progress in negotiations.

Dzugayev also said his earlier statement that 354 hostage were seized might have been too low, and many in the auxious crowds in Beslan said they believed the number was much higher. "Putin: at least 800 people are being held hostage," read a sign held up for television cameras.

Dzugayev has said between 15 and 24 militants were thought to be in the school, which had students from grades one to 11. Also taken hostage in the standoff were some parents who were bringing their older children to school while carrying with them babies or preschoolers.

The hostage-taking in Beslan, a town of about 30,000 in the southern region of North Ossetia, appeared to be the latest in a string of attacks connected to the war in nearby Chechnya.

Security forces surrounded the building,

More than two dozen people released Thursday



A member of the Russian military carries a baby after some women and children were released by militants holding hostages in a school in Beslan, North Ossetia, Russia.

and militants perched a sniper on an upper floor. Since the seizure, militants have refused offers to deliver food and water to the school and are demanding the release of fighters detained over a series of attacks on police facilities in the nearby republic of Insusheria

Law enforcement sources in North Ossetia and Inguhetia, speaking on condition of anomymity, said the hostage takers were believed to include Chechens, Ingush, Russians and at least one North Ossetian.

In his first public comment on the standoff, President Vladimir Putin pledged to do everything possible to save the hostages' lives. "We understand these acts are not only against private citizens of Russia but against Russia as a whole," he said. "What is happening in North Ossetia is horrible."

Officials at the crisis headquarters said releases came after mediation by Ruslan Aushev, an Afghan war veteran and former president of the neighboring Ingushetia region who is a respected figure in Russia's troubled North Caucasus re-

As Dzugayev announced some of the releases, a crowd of relatives swarmed around him, trying to find out if their loved ones were among those freed.

The attackers demanded — and received — talks with a prominent pediatri-

cian, Leonid Roshal, who aided hostages during the deadly seizure of a Moscow theater in 2002.

After contacts with the militants, Roshal as add late Thursday that the captors had repeated their rejection of food, water and medicine for the hostages. He warmed that an unsuccessful outcome of the hostage criss "would mean war" in the region, and appealed to Chechens, Ingush and Ossetians to avoid bloodshed.

Valery Andreyev, the Federal Security Service's chief in North Ossetia, seemed to rule out the immediate use of force against the hostage-takers.

"There is no alternative to dialogue," the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted him as saying. "One should expect long and tense negotiations."

Sporadic gunfire chattered in the area through the night, keeping the crowds of relatives around the school on edge.

The drama at the school came with memories still sharp from the deadly end to last major hostage-taking blamed on Chechens. In 2002, Chechen militants seized a Moscow theater, holding hundreds inside. That standoff ended when police pumped an unidentified knockout gas into the building — but the gas was responsible for almost all of the 129 hostage deaths.

Gennady Gudkov, a retired Federal Security Service colonel, said there is little chance that authorities will resort to a knockout gas this time — particularly since medical experts said it tended to have a stronger effect on children.

The militants' storming of the school came a day after a suspected Chechen sui-cide bomber blew herself up outside a Moscow subway station, killing nine people, and just over a week after 90 people died in two plane crashes that are suspected to have been blown up by bombers also linked to Chechnya.

The recent bloodshed is a blow to Putin,

who pledged five years ago to crush Chechnya's rebels but instead has seen the insurgents increasingly strike civilian targets beyond the republic's borders.

Malaysian politician freed from prison

BY SEAN YOONG
The Associated Press

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia — Jailed former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim left court a free man after Malaysia's top court overturned his sodomy conviction on Thursday — six years to the day after his removal from office triggered the country's

A Federal Court panel ruled 2-1 to reverse the conviction against Anwar, who was once considered the heir apparent of his mentor-turned-nemesis, then Prime Minister Mahathir fired him, touching off widespread

worst political crisis.

political turmoil.

Mahathir's successor, Prime
Minister Ahmad Abdullah
Badawi, had been expected to
take a softer line toward Anwar
and put the divisive issue behind Malaysia after he took office last year

Anwar told reporters that his convictions had been "highly politically motivated" but that he bore no ill will toward Mahathir, who retired 10 months

"I bear no malice against him. Let him retire," Anwar said. "I feel vindicated. This is all about justice."

The United States and international human rights

groups had called Anwar a political prisoner.

The U.S. Embassy issued a statement saying it was "gratifying to see that justice has now been

erved."

The combative Mahathir was unrepentant, telling reporters that he was "mildly surprised" by the ruling. He rejected accusations that he had orchestrated a judicial conspiracy to frame Anwar.

"I'm not going to lose any sleep," Mahathir said.
"I still believe that he's guilty. My conscience is clear."

Anwar is expected to travel to Germany for surgery to treat a back injury, partly blamed on a beating by Malaysia's then police chief following his arrest in 1998 after leading a massive anti-Mahathir demonstration.

Judge Abdul Hamid Mohamad read out the verdict over 1½ hours. As it became apparent that Anwar, 57, would be freed, the prisoner — wearing a neck brace and confined to a wheelchair — exchanged excited glances with family members and gave a thumbs-up sign.

"We are not prepared to uphold the conviction,"
Abdul Hamid said. "We therefore allow this appeal
and set aside the conviction and the sentence."

Abdul Hamid said the conviction was flawed because the chief prosecution witness, Azizan Abubakar, had repeatedly changed the dates that he claimed Anwar had had sex with him. Azizan had been the driver for Anwar's wife.

Anwar credited Abdullah for not interfering with the judiciary.
"You've got to recognize the fact that his predeces-

"You've got to recognize the fact that his predecessor wouldn't have made this judgment possible," Anwar said.

Anwar has long claimed that the convictions were rigged to prevent him from challenging Mahathir for power.

U.S., Sudan support U.N.'s force demand for Darfur

By EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's demand for an expanded international force in Sudan's Darfur region got immediate support from the United States — and an unexpected positive reaction from the Sudanese government.

Sudan's U.N. Ambassador Elfatih Mohamed Erwa told reporters late Wednesday that the government has no objection to increasing the African Union force monitoring an April cease-fire that has largely been ignored. It currently has about 80 military observers, protected by just over 300 soldiers.

The secretary general is speaking about the monitoring, and increasing the forces for the monitoring. That's fine with us," he said. "Whether it is 300 or 3,000, if it helps, that's fine."

But Erwa said Sudan would oppose an international force with another mandate, for example to disarm militias or other groups because that could lead to military confrontations.

Annan did not say how large a force he wanted, but U.N. diplomats said a U.N. plan presented to the African Union called for about 3,000 peacekeepers. The 53-nation African organization, led by Nigeria, is expected to make a recommendation in the coming days, diplomats said, speaking on condition of ano-

U.S. Ambassador John Danforth said Washington's main concern is to get outsiders into Darfur soon. "Call them monitors." he

said. "The issue is getting a substantial number of people in there, and getting in there as quickly as possible ... (with) people who have credibility in the eyes of the people of Darfur."

The secretary-general urged the speedy deployment of an expanded force in a report to the U.N. Security Council Wednesday which said Sudan's government has not stopped attacks on "terrorized and traumatized" civilians in Darfur or disarmed marauding militias.

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO AND JENNIFER KLECKNER Stars and Stripes

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SEOUL - Heeding a call to probe abuses and crimes possibly hidden by decades of au-thoritarian rule, the South Korean military this week launched a special committee to investigate civilian deaths in the Korean War

While the investigation will first focus on South Korean troops, officials said Thursday, the committee also likely would dig into accusations against foreign troops, including U.S. forces.

The investigations result from South Korean President Roh Moo-hvun's call for government agencies to open records and release information on mysterious deaths unresolved from past decades.

"As President Roh commanded we're

taking it a step further with this committee and will start to investigate crimes committed by the military during the war," said Brig. Gen. Nam Dae-yeon, Ministry of National Defense spokesman.

"At the moment, we are focusing on the ROK Army. However, investigating crimes committed by foreign soldiers is still up in the air. I expect the investigation process for the ROK Army crimes to take around one month "

Reports of several "massacres" of civilians during the 1950-53 Korean War have surfaced in recent years

Four years ago, an Associated Press reporting team won a Pulitzer Prize for its series on No Gun Ri, where U.S. forces allegedly killed hundreds of civilians fleeing south during the war's early days. dered their troops to fire intentionally on large groups of civilians, fearing North Korean infiltrators were among their

A Pentagon investigation of the incident disnuted many of the findings including that civilians were targeted intentionally, leading to widespread protests in

According to Ministry of National De-fense officials, the new inquiries will focus on 10 incidents in which large numbers of civilians reportedly were killed.

Separate investigative teams also will look into dozens of recent suicides by South Korean soldiers. In many cases, family members have accused military officials of covering un wrongdoing which led to the soldiers' deaths

MND officials said that together, the in vestigations are meant to quell public suspicion of the military, which backed authoritarian South Korean regimes for much of the past fifty years. The investigation committee, headed by the vice defense minister, will include both military and civilian investigators, officials said.

Roh's call for investigations caused controversy in part because they could entail examining murky periods in South Korea's history. His move to order investigations of Koreans accused of collaborating with or working for the Japanese before the World War II occupation has caused

Roh made the call for the investigations Aug. 15, the day South Korea celebrates the end of Japanese occupation.

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Camp Zama officials say they are ready for alleged deserter Jenkins

BY ERIC TALMADGE The Associated Press

TOKYO - Sgt. Charles Robert Jenkins, it's time to report for duty.

Responding pledge to turn himself in four de-cades after leaving his Army unit and vanishing into North Korea, U.S. military officials say they're ready to put the frail 64-year-old back in uniform, give him a haircut, set him up in base housing — and then try him for desertion

"We're always ready to take in deserters and receive them back," said Maj. John Amberg, spokesman for the U.S. Army, Japan headquarters at Camp

Zama, just south of Tokyo. Jenkins ended months of silence this week, issuing a state-ment saying he'd turn himself over to Army officials at Camp Zama as soon as he's deemed fit enough. He's been hospitalized in Tokyo since he was flown here in July on a plane chartered by Japan's government. Japanese media have speculat-ed Jenkins could be out of the hospital within days.

Once he turns himself in, Jenkins would be treated like any other E-5, or sergeant.

Until discharged, he'd be assigned to a new unit, receive pay and other benefits and be able to live on base with his family. He would only be put in custody if considered a flight risk, dangerous or likely to tamper with wit-

But the Jenkins case is anything but ordinary.

His wife, Hitomi Soga, is one of more than a dozen Japanese kidnapped by North Korean agents in the 1970s and '80s and forced to train the North's spies. Seen as a tragic hero in Japan, she was repatriated after a land-mark 2002 summit between North Korea leader Kim Jong Il and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. Jenkins, fearing prosecution, stayed be hind with their two daughters Facing an outpouring of sym-pathy for Soga, Koizumi person-

ally led the effort to reunite the

family in Japan Public sentiment here strong ly favors leniency for Jenkins so the family can live together. Koi-zumi vowed Wednesday to "con-

tinue to do all we can to help. Accused of leaving his Army patrol along the two Koreas' bor-der in January 1965, Jenkins faces charges of desertion, aiding the enemy and encouraging

other soldiers to desert or to be The maximum penalty for peacetime desertion is life in

But punishment can also be as light as a dishonorable discharge.

Jenkins has been meeting frequently with Army lawyer Capt. James Culp in recent weeks and is expected to seek some sort of pretrial agreement that would guarantee light punishment in return for information on the North's activities

Leniency, however, might not sit well with the military community and veterans groups - par-ticularly when U.S. soldiers are braving combat in Iraq.

The charges against Jenkins also don't necessarily paint a

sympathetic picture.

Jenkins, originally of Rich
Square, N.C., allegedly participated in broadcasts across the Demilitarized Zone on the border, urging other U.S. soldiers to desert. He acted in anti-U.S. propaganda films and is believed to have taught for several years at a training center for North Korean intelligence agents.

Suspicions have also been raised that he might have been involved in interrogating U.S. sailors taken by the North when it captured the Navy spy ship USS Pueblo in 1968. One sailor was killed and 82 taken prisoner. Captive crew members were beaten with pieces of lumber burned on radiators and had their teeth kicked out by North Korean soldiers

If it's held at Camp Zama, a judge will have to be flown in, since no one stationed at the base is qualified to preside.

Man squirts milk from eye, claims record

BY JAMES C. HELICKE The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Ilker Yilmaz might just hold one of the world's most bizarre world records

The Turkish construction worker on Wednesday poured milk into his hand, loudly snorted it up his nose and squirted it 9.223 feet out of his left eye in what he hopes will be recognized as a new world record.

"I'm happy and proud that I can get Turkey in the record book even if it's for milk squirting." said the 28-year-old. He says he is among only a handful of people around the world who can perform the feat because of an anomaly in his tear gland.

The Web site for Guinness World Records says Canadian Mike Moraal of Vancouver, British Columbia, set the existing record, of 8 745 feet in France in 2001

In an e-mail, Guinness World Records said it had no official rep-resentative present to witness Yilmaz's feat and was waiting for documents from organizers of Wednesday's event to prove the record.

"It is really good to hear that provisionally a new record may ave been set," Sam Knights, a Guinness representative, said in an e-mail. "We welcome new record breakers and look forward to receiving the evidence ... and then we can verify this new record attempt." Yilmaz said he has known for

years that he could squirt liquids out of his eye, but only three years ago found out that there

was a record for squirting milk. "I learned by chance that I had



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such a talent. When I was swimming with friends, I noticed water squirting out of my eye," he said. "When I saw [a previous Guin-ness attempt] on TV, I thought,

maybe I could do that, too." Mahir Kendusim, an Istan-bul-based eye doctor, said a cavity links the lower eyelid to the nasal cavity, but added that he has never heard of anyone who was able to carry out a feat such

as Yilmaz's.

Two years ago, Yilmaz said he broke an earlier record, but Guinness did not recognize it because the witnesses present did not fulfill its guidelines.

On Wednesday, an imam, or Muslim prayer leader, was among witnesses watching as Yilmaz sucked in the milk, held back his left eyelid with his finger and squirted away. Yilmaz succeeded on his third attempt.

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Chuck Renshaw helps Chervi Eldridge, right, and Robin Dunn, left, ve belongings out of their mobile home Thursday in Rockledge, Fla. Mandatory evacuation is in effect at the mobile home park due to Hurricane

Frances



Floridians prep for Frances

PORT ST LUCIE Fla - More than a million people threatened by Hurricane Frances were told to clear out Thursday, and residents scrambled to board up homes and stock up on water ahead of what could be Florida's mightiest storm in a decade.

A hurricane warning covered much of the state's eastern coast about 300 miles from Florida City, near the state's southern tip, to Flagler Beach, north of Daytona Beach

warning meant hurricane-force winds of at least 74 mph were likely by midmorning Friday - three weeks after Hurricane Charley, another Category 4 storm, raked the state's western coast, killing 27 people.

Most of the residents who were told to leave were in South Florida 300,000 in Palm Beach County, 250,000 in Broward County and 320,000 in Miami-Dade County.

With its 145 mph winds, Frances is as strong as Hurricane

States of emergency were declared in Florida and Georgia.

Israeli spy probe reportedly more than 2 years old

WASHINGTON - For more than two years, the FBI has been investigating whether classified intelligence has been passed to Israel by the American Israel Political Action Committee, an influential U.S. lobbying group, in a probe that extends beyond the case of Pen tagon employee Lawrence A. Franklin, according to senior U.S. offi-cials and other sources.

The counterintelligence probe, which is different from a criminal investigation, focuses on a possible transfer of intelligence more extensive than whether Franklin passed on a draft presidential directive on U.S. policy toward Iran, the sources said. The FBI is examining whether highly classified material from the National Security Agency, which conducts electronic intercepts of communications, were also forwarded to Israel, they said.

The investigation of Franklin is coincidental to the broader FBI The investigation of Frankin is coincidental to the broader FISI counterintelligence probe, which was already long under way when counterintelligence probe, which was already long under way when sources said. Frankin, a career analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency who specializes in Iran, is suspected of passing the proposed directive on Iran to AIPAC, officials said, which may have forwarded it to Israel. Franklin now works for Douglas J. Feith, underworded it to Israel. Franklin now works for Douglas J. Feith, underworded it to Israel. Franklin now works for Douglas J. Feith, underword in the property of the

Among the many unanswered questions in the case, sources familiar with it said, is whether a U.S. official with access to the intelli-gence volunteered it, or whether allies of Israel in the United States sought intelligence to pass on to Israel.

Prosecutor: GI's intent was to deal with al-Qaida

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Sgt. Ryan Anderson was clear about his intentions in cell-phone text messages, e-mails and meetings with undercover agents he believed to be members of the al-Qaida terror-

ist network, an Army prosecutor said Thursday.

"It shows that he's trying to do all that he can, that the information he has, he's willing to share it with al-Qaida," Maj. Melvin Jenks said in his closing argument at Anderson's court-martial.

Anderson, a tank crewman whose 81st Armor Brigade unit is now in Iraq, is accused of trying to show terrorists how best to attack the M1A1 Abrams, the Army's primary battle tank, and kill the soldiers

inside.

During his nearly hourlong closing, he showed segments of the secretly recorded videotape of Anderson's Feb. 9 meeting with undercover agents he believed to be terrorists.

The 27-year-old Muslim convert is charged with five counts of try-

ing to provide al-Qaida with information about U.S. troop strength and tactics, as well as methods for killing American soldiers.

Reward I Wanted Alive

said Stephen Baig, a forecaster at

the National Hurricane Center in

Miami. Frances is also about

twice the size of 1992's Hurricane

Andrew, the Category 5 storm that destroyed much of southern

Miami-Dade County. Supermarkets along Florida's

Atlantic coast were stripped of

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and long lines of customers wait-

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Vice president derides Kerry for 'indecision'

The Associated Press

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NEW YORK - Vice President Dick Cheney accused John Kerry on Wednesday night of a dangerous "habit of indecision" hardly befitting a commander in chief President Bush, he said, has led with strength and conviction.

"A senator can be wrong for 20 years, without consequence to the nation. But a president always casts the deciding vote," Cheney told cheering delegates who greet ed him with chants of "four more vears!

Accepting his party's nomination for a second term, Cheney paid brief homage to Kerry's service in Vietnam and then said he has been wrong on foreign policy in the three decades since

"Even in this post-9/11 period. Senator Kerry doesn't appear to understand how the world has changed," Cheney told delegates packed into Madison Square Garden and millions of voters watching at home.

Cheney's task Wednesday

Cheney's gay daughter, partner on hand for speech

NEW YORK - As Vice President Dick Cheney stenned onto the podium in Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night, the eyes of some were trained not on the stage but the audience, search-

ing for a glimpse of his daughter Mary And there she was, in the family's box, sitting next to her partner in their first prominent public

appearance as a lesbian couple. The vice president, in his speech accepting renomination, did not mention Mary or her older sister, Elizabeth, choosing instead to feature his four grandchildren. At the end of the vice president's remarks, he was joined onstage by Elizabeth and the grandchildren, while Mary and Heather Poe applauded from their seats.

> cluding war with Iraq and on No Child Left Behind, the president's education initiative

"His back-and-forth reflects a habit of indecision and sends a message of confusion," he said in one of his harshest critiques yet of the Massachusetts senator who is challenging Bush for the presi-

ter, I'd want her sitting by my side too," Curtis Cheney and Poe, whom she calls her life partner, share a house in the Denver suburbs.

make their own choices

Wednesday

dency. "Sen. Kerry says he sees

amounted to a silent resistance against religious

conservatives, who have made Mary Cheney's sex-

Her decision not to slink from the controversy

Greg Curtis, a delegate from Salt Lake City, said

raised few hackles in Madison Square Garden on

that while he does not approve of homosexuality or gay marriage, he respects the rights of others to

"If I were vice president and she were my daugh-

two Americas. It makes the whole thing mutual. America sees two John Kerrys." Delegates responded with chants of "flip flop, flip flop" and

On national security, Cheney,

some waved flip-flop sandals. who received five deferments neonle is hone

Their prominence in the first row of the box

from service in Vietnam, noted Kerry's decorated service. "And we honor him for it," Cheney said. He then launched into an exnded critique of Kerry's record saying it is on national security where the differences between

Bush and Kerry are sharpest. "Time and again Senator Kerry has made the wrong call on na-

tional security," Cheney said. Kerry, he said, wants to please allies rather than lead the world

with strength. "George W. Bush will never

seek a permission slip to defend the American people," he said to thunderous applause from dele-gates shouting "USA! USA!" and hoisting signs that read "Let Freedom Reign."

Cheney's vice presidential rival, Democratic Sen. John Edwards, responded that Democrats would do better than the current administration at home and

"There was a lot of hate coming from that podium tonight," he said in a statement. "What John Kerry and I offer to the American

Democratic colleague slams Kerry before GOP delegates

night was twofold: talk up the

president and take apart the

record of the man challenging

Echoing accusations he and

President Bush have made repeat-

edly on the campaign trail,

Chenev accused Kerry of taking

two sides in a series of issues, in-

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

The Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Hailed by Republicans as "the conscience of the Democratic Party," Georgia Sen Zell Miller asserted Wednesday that Senate colleague John Kerry's indecisiveness would encourage terrorists and weaken the country's defenses.

"George Bush wants to grab terrorists by the throat and not let them go to get a better grip," the Georgia senator said. "From John Kerry, they get a 'ves-no-maybe' bowl of mush that can only encourage our enemies and confuse our friends.

To a den of cheering Republicans, Miller delivered the keynote GOP address, a resounding denunciation of Kerry and the Democratic Party to which he has belonged for half a century. He enthusiastically endorsed President Bush's re-election.

"I have knocked on the door of this man's soul and found someone home, a God-fearing man with a good heart and a spine of tempered steel," Miller said. "The man I trust to protect my most precious possession: my family

The partisan crowd went wild, holding up signs aying "We love Zell" and "It's Zell Miller Time," when he said "No pair has been more wrong, more loudly, more often than the two senators from Massachusetts: Ted Kennedy and John Kerry.'

Still, Miller said he has no plans to become a Re publican - he's not seeking re-election - and his vote for Rush will be his first for a Republican in 52 vears as a voter Miller gave the Democratic keynote address 12

years earlier in the same Madison Square Garden, and his colleagues seethed in anger — calling him a turncoat and organizing protests at his office.

Miller, meanwhile, was scathing in his criticism of fellow Democrat Kerry. He said no one had been "more wrong, more loudly, more often."

"For more than 20 years, on every one of the great issues of freedom and security, John Kerry has been more wrong, more weak and more wobbly than any other national figure," Miller said. "As a war protester, Kerry blamed our military. As a senator, he voted to weaken our military

Miller, D-Ga., said Kerry had voted to cut key weapon systems.

"This is a man who wants to be the commander in chief of our U.S. armed forces? U.S. forces armed with what? Spitballs?" Miller said.

Republicans hoped Miller's speech would convince undecided voters and maybe some conservative Democrats that Kerry is too liberal for them.

Miller has consistently sided with the Republicans on just about every issue during his Senate career.

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Miller plays 'Hardball' with Matthews

BY PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Stripes Democratic Sen. Zell Miller was fiery on the podium Wednesday night during the convention. but nothing like during his late-evening interview with MSN-BC's Chris Matthews on "Hard-

Matthews was interviewing Miller via video from NBC headquarters, a few miles from Madison Square Garden, where the

convention is being held. Matthews' habit of interrunting guests as they respond got under Miller's skin, and he was not shy about saying so.

"This is your program and I'm a guest on your program, so I want to try to be as nice as I possibly can to you. I wish I was over there where I could get a little closer up into your face," Miller said

Matthews seemed to be enjoy ing the exchange and continued to press Miller on the contents of his speech.

"Get out of my face!" Miller shouted. "If you're going to ask me a question, step back and let me answer. I wish we lived in the day when you could challenge a person to a duel. Now that would be pretty good.

Edwards: GOP 'anger' won't solve problems

BY JENNIFER KAY The Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. - Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards dismissed the Republicans' biting criticism of his running mate John Kerry, saying Thursday the GOP spent "all of their time and all of their energy

trying to tear down a patriot." The morning after Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., used their turns at the Republican convention podi-um to deride the Democratic presidential nominee, Edwards said that kind of rhetoric won't solve



country and do what needs to be done for America," Edwards told a town hall meeting at a community center in this Philadelphia sub-

the nation's problems. "The anger

heard from Senator Miller, the anger the from vice president

anger is not going change this

States spent most of his speech

Addressing the delegates in New York on Wednesday night, Cheney and Miller portrayed Kerry as a model of indecision

whose Senate voting record on national security issues makes him a poor candidate for commander in chief Edwards said he wished the Republicans would show "a little

anger about the millions of people who lost their health care the millions who have lost their jobs in the last four years. "It doesn't surprise me that the vice president of the United talking about John Kerry because you know he doesn't want to talk about what they've done to this country," the North Carolina sena-

Edwards described the Democratic convention last month in Boston as a positive gathering in which they laid out their agenda which they laid out their agentia and vision for the country. By comparison, the Republicans have devoted "all of their time and all of their energy trying to tear down a patriot," he said.

About claims that Kerry's record on defense issues is weak he said, "It's just false, it's not frue.

Franks to support Bush re-election effor

BY FRANK DAVIES

Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK - Retired Gen Tommy Franks, who commanded U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq, will endorse President Bush for his "proven leadership in a time of crisis" in a speech Thursday at the Republican National Convention.

In an interview Wednesday, Franks said Democrat John Kerry was "fully qualified" to be commander in chief and "would be a good president at another place in our history.'

But the former commander of



mand, who retired last summer after the invasion Iraq. watched

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Bush's "character, consistency and persistence" up close and

decided to back him publicly. "The only question was would I support the guy in the quietude of the polling booth or would I be-

come more vocal," said Franks, a last-minute addition to the con vention schedule "I'm doing this because I'm positive about Bush. not negative about the other

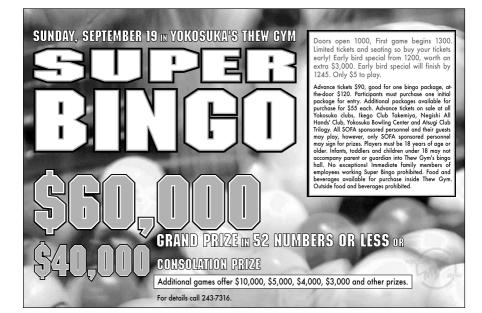
Franks was disdainful of the "hyper-polarity" he sees in politics and "the hyperbole that exists on both sides, whether from the Swift Boat guys or Michael Moore," referring to the veterans who oppose Kerry and the

filmmaker who derides Bush. Franks' speech could help Bush on one of his major vulnerathe decision-making bilities on Iraq. Polls show that roughly

half the public now views Bush's decision to invade Iraq a mis-

As the public grows more anxious about the violence in Iraq. Franks remained upbeat about Iraq's future, but he conceded that he'd been disappointed by some U.S. mistakes and a slow ef-

fort at reconstruction "Iraq is chaotic, lethal and dangerous, but Iragis are trying to take charge of their future, and that's a positive thing that we have to support," said Franks, who was also in New York to promote his recent memoir, "American Soldier







PHOTOS BY THE (MEMPHIS, TENN.) COMMERCIAL APPEAL

Left: Lillian Landrigan, right, fills a cavity in Doug Stewart's tooth with the help of assistant Star Mathews at the Petro Truck Stop Plaza. Landrigan had a practice in nearby Germantown, Tenn., and did a six-month stint in Iraq before opening the truck-stop practice. Right: Truck driver Robert Kuffler of Louisiana returns to his rig after an emergency tooth extraction by Landrigan at the Petro Truck Stop Plaza.

Back from Iraq, dentist opens shop at truck stop

BY MARIA BURNHAM The (Memphis, Tenn.) Commercial Appeal

MEMPHIS - Dave McIntosh pulled his rig into the Petro truck ston and saw a sign he'd been aching to see for a long time: "Den-

The dentist is Lillian Landrigan. and she opened her truck-stop dentistry about six weeks ago. Her hours are officially 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but if she's needed she will rush from her home after hours and on weekends

"For us that's very convenient," said Knoxville-based McIntosh who has had a couple of teeth

pulled and a partial reconstructed. 'That's a real handy thing, that you can have someone you can go to any time during the day.

"When you find out you're headed her way, you can give her a call and she fits you in. She works with us instead of trying to make us work her way, and that makes a big difference."

Opening a dental office that caters to truck drivers meant changing the traditional way such offices operate, Landrigan said.

Her schedule had to be more flexible, and the old system of an examination one visit and treatment the next had to be thrown

She also had to throw out the gas. Rendering a driver uncon scious for a procedure and then sending him off in a tractor-trailer is generally not a good idea, she

This is Landrigan's second practice. She had an office in the area for more than a decade. But in 1999 she decided to join the Army EXCHANGE RATES

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full time, after serving in the reserves for 14 years.

She served as a dentist for the Army and was sent to Iraq at the

end of last year. After returning, she opened the truck-stop location.

"I think it's a good business plan," Landrigan said. "Most truck-

ers have excellent dental plans but are unable to take advantage of them because they are unable to stav at home."

Her two-person operation (she has one employee, Star Mathews) and new technology means she is able to keep overhead costs down. She uses a digital X-ray machine. which means there is no processing time, and insurance claims can he filed on secure sites over the Internet.

"The expense of dentistry is the time it takes you to do it and the number of people you have to em-

ploy," Landrigan said.

But even with her small office

and time-saving equipment, she doesn't expect to start seeing sig-nificant profits for five to six years. Still, she is encouraged by the amount of walk-in traffic and regular customers she's seeing.

Her clients are mostly truckers but Landrigan said some of her old patients have followed her.

She also is seeing a good num-ber of local residents and those in the service industry who, like truckers, find it difficult to visit dentists with traditional practices. "I believe in this," Landrigan said. "I hope it's going to work."

Most of her patients have not received dental care recently, she said. She does some routine cleanings, but mostly the patients are in

some sort of pain.

Landrigan isn't the first dentist to think of opening a practice in a truck stop.

There are a few scattered around the country. But it is not

yet the norm, either.
"This is kind of unique," she said. "A wave of the future.

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Don't rush into repair work

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - When your home is damaged by a natural disaster, temper the impulse to rush into repair work. The Federal Trade Commission and the American Red Cross offer this ad-

- vice on choosing a contractor: ■ Deal only with licensed and insured contractors, screen candi-
- dates and check references. ■ Ask to see proof of necessary licenses, building permits and a certificate of insurance.
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write down their license plate and driver's license numbers.

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- a bid is not an authorization to start work. ■ Get a written contract that gives details of the scope of work,
- costs and payment schedules. ■ If your contractor requests an up-front payment for materi-
- als, go with him to buy the materials or pay the supplier directly. ■ Never pay the entire cost of
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Harris Corp.	.48	25	48.95	+.79	+29.0
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Lockheed Martin	.88	21	54.27	+.49	+5.6
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Raytheon	.80	76	35.16	+.43	+17.0
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The latest LL Cool J

Rapper reinvents himself over and over to stay in the hip-hop game

BY JIM FARBER

New York Daily News

fNEW YORK — In the past year, Jay-Z has retired from the rap race. So has DMX. But don't ask LL Cool J if he's next.

"Retirement isn't even a realistic conversation for me," says the rapper. "I'm nowhere near that

page. I was born to do this."

And he has been doing this almost since he was born. For 19 years, LL has sustained a career in a field whose stars are lucky to last 19 minutes.

Call him the Madonna of hip hop. At 36, he knows how important it is to keep displaying new images to the public.

On Tuesday, he'll release his 10th album of new material, "The DEFinition." So, naturally, he has lately tweaked his look — and his

This time, he's making more at-

tempts to keep them on.

Over the years, LL's naked torso
has become as familiar a pop-culture touchstone as Jennifer Lopez's rump or 50 Cent's bullet

scars.

These days, when magazine editors ask him to disrobe to show off his famously buff physique for photo shoots, he usually demurs.

"It gets tiring," LL explains.
"It's like the guy you see at the

"It gets tiring," LL explains.
"It's like the guy you see at the
gym with muscles who runs
around with a tank top in winter. I
don't want to be that guy."

don't want to be that guy."

Then again, just three weeks ago he tore off his top for the cameras at the "Today" show.

At least he's been more consistent in the tone of the clothes he sells. LL, one of the pioneers of hip-hop cross-marketing, is coming out with his third fashion line, which he's named after himself: James Todd Smith.

"It will be upscale," he hawks.
"You'll have the ability to look like
a million without spending a million."

But if LL means to give off certain messages of maturity, he has also made sure to keep a hold on youthful street culture. "The DEFinition" stresses club music, with an accent on upbeat tracks thanks to Timbaland, the disk's prime producer.

prime producer.

It's rare for LL to devote so much of a CD to a single producer.

"We hit it off," he explains. "The chemistry was right."

The result isn't likely to put LL Cool J back at the cutting edge of hip-hop culture, which he occupied in the early '90s with classic albums like "Mama Said Knock You Out"

But at least it presents another side of a rapper who has already offered a more nuanced view of himself than many in the field.

LL "never put himself in a box as a one-dimensional character," says Erik Parker, music editor of Vibe. "He never hid behind a macho image."

macho image."
And yet he doesn't lack for respect. LL has been able to pose on the cover of Vibe with his family (which includes three daughters and a son) without coming off like a Will Smith milquetoast.

His image has something in common with that of Bruce Springsteen, who likewise played good guy in a field of rebels while skirting the tag of wimp.

"I'm just being myself," LL says. "I don't have those issues. I come from a loving family. I think people respect you if you don't put on a facade."

The fact that some popular rappers push far crueler images has struck many pundits as an exploitation of racist images of African Americans.

LL doesn't buy it.

"It's just that way because a lot of young people like the tough guy," he explains. "They get off on Eminem's image, too. It's not racist. People like things that have that fear factor. Look, people watch people eat bugs on TV." LL's own work on TV involved something considerably lighter—a sitcom on UPN called "In The House" (1995-99). He also has a long list of movie credits, from light fare like "Toys" and "Deliver Us From Eva" to action flicks like "S.W.A.T." and "Rollerball."

But now he's going serious.
This winter he'll be seen in "Edison," a morality tale involving cops and journalists, playing a cor-

cops and journaists, piaying a corrupt cop opposite Morgan Freeman and Kevin Spacey. Yet LL has lately become sick of evervone asking him just when he

thinks he'll be too old for the rap game.
"That's a conversation for Mick

game.
"That's a conversation for Mick Jagger or Steven Tyler," he says.
"I thought rock 'n' roll answered this question already. Hip-hop is only 25 years old. Who knows where it will go?"



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LL Cool J performs on stage as part of NBC's "Today" show's Summer Concert Series at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City on August 6. The rapper, who's been on the hip-hop scene for several years, isn't planning to leave his life's passion any time soon.

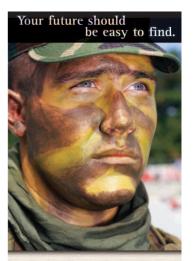


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Sasebo athletic field tackles high-tech turf

Nimitz Park project near completion

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strings

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan
— Servicemembers and youths involved in athletics here plan to
compete soon on the same surface as athletes at the Tokyo
Dome, Yokohama Stadium and

face as athletes at the Tokyo Dome, Yokohama Stadium and several National Football League venues: Workers are just weeks from completing the \$650,000 installation of artificial turf on the base's Nimitz Park multipurpose



Japanese workers carefully peel back strips of green artificial turf that will later be replaced with white turf that serves as the soccer field boundaries.

athletic field

For decades, it was used for soccer matches, flag and even tackle fotoball. However, whenever a hard rain drenched Saseb — not an uncommon occurrence — the field's uneven surface, bad drainage and perpetual lack of grass turned it into little more than a thick bowl of mud, said Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Director Islaiah

The new artificial turf field will be the first installed on a military base in Japan.

"This is the turf ... used to do the Tokyo Dome and Yokohama Stadium," said Lt. j.g. Tyler Wolf, assistant officer in charge of base construction. "They've also done Seahawks (Seattle) Stadium and the Cincinnati Bengals."

The \$650,000 cost includes landscaping and covering the field with a product known as Field-Turf. Work began in mid-June, and is set for completion by the end of September.

"I'd love to take the credit for getting this here but back in 2000 my predecessor (Kyle Rhodus, now with Yokosuka's MWR) did all the research." said Mincks.

"Made in Canada, the new turf's sand and rubber 'infill system' is a safe alternative to real grass, resulting in a reduction of sports injuries," states the company's Web site (www.fieldturf.

The difference can be felt: Instead of a dense, abrasive rug, the



PHOTOS BY GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports logo will soon be installed in the center of the new articles turfum untilipropes field at Sasebo Naval Base's Nimitz Park in Japan. The logo is made from the warritype artificial grass as the rest of the field, but produced according to a programmed pattern of colors. It will never need to be touched un with paint or colored chalk.

surface is soft and silky.

"The maintenance is pretty much nothing, compared to what we had to do before, in the manpower of lining the field for soccer or flag football," Mincks said. "And you don't have to mow it.

"It pretty much allows us to arrange games all through the year, unless we have really inclement weather," he said. "A little rain's not going to stop us. After Wednesday's heavy afternoon rains, for instance, "We could have still played games out here," Mincks said, "whereas before it was just a bir mud nuddle.

here," Mincks said, "whereas before, it was just a big mud puddle, and what little grass we did have would get all torn up." Wolf said Japanese contractors

told him not much in the way of weather could make the field unusable. Bad weather might "be a little uncomfortable for the players," he said, "but the field would be fine."

At one point Thursday, Mincks straddled a boundary line running the length of the field.

Before the synthetic turf was installed, such lines, applied manually with chalk, seldom were straight.

"Wow. Look. We actually have a straight line. Really, it's perfectly straight," he said. E-mail Greg Tyler at: tylerg@pstripes.osd.mil

Yokota plays role in Tokyo's annual disaster drill

BY VINCE LITTLE AND HANA KUSUMOTO Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Tokyo Metropolitan Government held its fourth annual earthquake disaster-preparedness drill Wednesday, using the flight line here as a staging area and relay base to transfer "patients" and equipment from fixed-wing aircraft to helicopters.

Tokyo Gov. Shintaro Ishihara observed the exercise alongside Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airlift Wing commander: Participants included the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Tokyo Fire Department, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department and the Japanese Red Cross.

Similar training sessions were conducted in Tokyo, including one at the Hardy Barracks helipad that simulated the transfer of an injured patient to a hospital.

The event coincides yearly with the anniversary of the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake, a massive 8.3-magnitude temblor that killed more than 140,000 people, left hundreds of thousands homeless and devastated Tokyo and outlying communities.

"The objective of the exercise is to test the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's ability to respond to a major earthquake," said Capt. David Westover, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman. "The annual exercise is an excellent example of the cooperation that exsists between the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, the Japanese military and civil service organizations, and the U.S. military here at Yokota Air Base." Wednesday's scenario involved a major earthquake striking northeast of Tokyo at about 6 a.m., Japanese government officials said. Homes and businesses were severely

damaged in Taito, Sumida and Arakawa wards, closing roads and railways and cutting off electricity, gas and water.

Death and injuries were also extensive under the simulation, Westover said, a result of massive fires and numerous destroyed buildings.

The Tokyo government used a portion of Yokota's runway to stage the airlift of supplies from distant prefectures, as well as rescue personnel and vehicles. The base could also facilitate the transport of critically injured people from surrounding cities to better-equipped medical centers, officials said.

About 28,000 people took part in the drill within the Tokyo metropolitan area, including government and fire officials, volunteers and residents in eight prefectures and cities, according to a Tokyo Metropolitan Government news release.

At Hardy Barracks, about a dozen emergency and rescue personnel handled delivery of the patient, who landed in a helicopter with a doctor and nurse. The individual was then rushed to a local hospital by ambulance.

"The drill was conducted without any problems," a Tokyo Metropolitan Government official said, adding that this marked the second time the helipad was used in the exercise.



KAORI MATSUKASA/Courtesy of U.S. Air Force

Members of the Japanese Red Cross take part in Wednesday's earthquake disaster-prevention drill on the flight line at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The flight line was used as a staging area and relay base to transfer "patients" and equipment from fixed-wing aircraft to

With the annual simulation, officials aim "to improve the ability to respond to disasters by conducting relief effort drills with intutual coordination by Tokyo Metropolitaten Government, Taito ward, Sumida ward and Arakawa ward and to establish y self-help and assistance systems immediately after earthquake disaster," the release stated.

Participants also hoped to strengthen communication in times of crisis by providing safety information to residents through technological improvements.

A different scenario is produced every year, a Tokyo Metropolitan Government spokesman said.

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Getting to the truth

After reading the Aug. 21 letter "Kerry? Incomprehensible," I am just taking a wild guess that the writer is not real fond of John Kerry and probably won't be donating to his campaign.

I do wonder about the relevance of some of the statements made. Does it really matter why Mr. Kerry enlisted in the Navy? The fact is he did enlist and did serve his country. Does it really matter that he spent "only" four months fighting in com bat? How long in combat is long enough?

To the letter writer: If you don't like the man because he spoke out against the Vietnam War, then so be it. If you don't like his voting record, OK. If you don't like the direction the current administration is taking the country, that's OK, too. But you might want to get past the rhetoric and hyperbole and try to get to the truth.

How did the candidates actually vote and why? A good place to start is Vote Smart, www.vote-smart.org. The site has a lot of good information including congressional voting records.

Did Kerry or President Bush actually say or do what is claimed? Good places to start there are sites such as Truth or Fiction, www.truthorfiction.com, and Snopes. www.snopes.com. And if you want to cut through all the spin that the candidates throw into their political ads, you can go to Annenberg Political Fact check www.factcheck.org

Gordon Uscier Würzburg, Germany

Abuse claim unfounded

As a physician at the 31st Combat Sup port Hospital in Baghdad, I am offended by the accusations in the Associated Press article "Professor: Iraq prison docs aided abuse" (Stars and Stripes, Aug. 22). In the article, a bioethicist charges that "Doctors working for the U.S. military in Iraq 'collaborated with interrogators in the abuse of detainees' at Abu Ghraib.'

I would most certainly agree that it would be a reprehensible act if any physician performed or assisted in performing any torture or knew of torture and did not

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try to stop it. If this has occurred, I hope that the appropriate investigations will bring out the truth and bring any perpetra-

The reporter quoted a Boston psychiatrist and the Minnesota medical ethicist. Neither one has been anywhere close to Iraq, or spoken to physicians who have served or are serving here. Their accusations seem to come primarily from detainees who would likely have a biased viewpoint and limited knowledge of the circumstances. Although the accusations may seem believable and horrendous, there are likely very reasonable explanations.

It appears that the AP report and the articles cited by the reporter are very biased accounts and opinions trying to defame the physicians and the U.S. military. As a physician who is working for the Army, I take great offense with this. The physicians I know are focused on providing the best medical care possible to all patients who come in. I know of no physician who has joined the military to go to a prison camp in order to torture prisoners.

At the 31st Combat Support Hospital in

Baghdad, we treat natients of all nationalities, including the insurgents. All patients who enter our doors get the best treatment possible. No available, necessary treat-ment is withheld from anyone. Our motto here is "Rightfully Proud." We are confi-dent that this is the best medical care available in Iraq. Saddam Hussein himself would agree — he has been brought here for treatment.

Perhaps those truly interested in reporting the facts as they pertain to the medical staff and the treatment of detainees would like to visit Baghdad and do some research before making their accusations and writing their articles.

Maj. Gregory H. Chow

Weighing in on pennies

In the Aug. 26 letter "Not a penny-ante concern," the writer observed that when he made a purchase at South Victory Base in Baghdad, his change was rounded to the nearest nickel instead of handing out nennies. The mathematical calculation that has Army and Air Force Exchange Service overcharging us by more than \$15,552 per year is amazing. However, its basic assumption is wrong.

Not every transaction puts one or two pennies in favor of AAFES. About half of the transactions put the pennies in favor of the customers. So it becomes a wash.

If you are anywhere overseas, you will notice this practice is policy at all establishments except the post office. This happens at the commissary, BX/PX and Services/Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. The real question should be why.

Look at the reality of cargo space or weight and cost. It is more expensive per pound to ship pennies overseas and to remote locations than they are worth. How much space and weight would it take to ship \$15,552 worth of pennies to a combat zone? Wouldn't you prefer to have mail or much-needed supplies on the airplane?

Having spent several years overseas at different locations, I prefer to do without pennies and wish they would get rid of them in the United States.

Master Sgt. Chazz Steiner Ramstein Air Base Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons







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Tiger at large

FORT POLK — A Bengal tiger on the loose in the thick brush surrounding an Army base is winning a game of hide and seek.

A team of about 40 soldiers and sheriff's deputies searched the woods on Fort Polk on Tuesday, but saw no sign of the tiger.

but saw no sign of the tiger.

"So far we've seen neither hide
nor hair of it," said Scott Heinrich, owner of a wild animal consultancy brought in to track the
tiger.

The search was set to resume Wednesday morning.

It was unclear where the animal came from, but it's likely that it was a pet that escaped or was set free, said Leslie Whitt, director of the Alexandria Zoo, who assisted in the search. Several witnesses said the animal was wearing a collar.

Heinrich said he and others scanned the woods from a helicopter but did not see the tiger. They continued their search on the ground, he said.

Based on witnesses descriptions, the tiger is probably about 100 pounds and 1 year old, Whitt said.

"It probably has no experience whatsoever in killing anything, catching it and eating it," Whitt said. "It's probably just freaked out and looking for a way back to where it belongs."

Statue being altered

ALBANY — Government cutbacks are hitting a continental soldier below the belt.

The statue of Copper John, a continental soldier that sits atop the state's Auburn Correctional Facility, was removed earlier this summer for renovation.

The beloved figure is set to return to his perch this fall, albeit a lesser man

Workers sprucing up the 156-year-old statue were told to reduce the size of Copper John's crotch.

Neither the prison's superintendent nor the state Department of Correctional Services would discuss the reason for the order.

Department spokeswoman Linda Foglia confirmed the alteration took place.

Some correction officers aren't pleased with the reduction, and are donning shirts in protest.

Munchkins cause flap

CHESTERTON — Two top Munchkins won't be taking the Yellow Brick Road to Chester ton's annual Oz Festival this month because of a contract dis-

Jerry Maren, who played the Lollipop Kid in "The Wizard of Oz," and Karl Slover, who played the First Trumpeter in the 1939 musical, have been regular attendees at past festivals in the town about 15 miles east of Gary.

But the two former Munchkins were "disinvited" this year following a flap over their agent's request that organizers pay his travel expenses, said Karen Spallina, president of Lakeshore Festival and Events.

Two other former Munchkins

— Margaret Pellegrini and Clarence Swensen — still are scheduled to attend the Sept. 17-19 festival.

In the past, organizers have dealt directly with the former



Munchkins, Spallina said. But this year, Maren and Slover referred her to their agent, Ralph Zellem.

Former Munchkins receive \$750 for their weekend visit, plus paid airfare, hotel and meals, Spallina said.

However, Zellem wanted organizers to pay his expenses as Slover's traveling companion and allow him to set up a booth to sell Munchkin merchandise, said Spallina, who refused both remests.

New refueling station

HAUSER—At the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway's new refueling station, locomotive No. 4141 blasted through an opening ceremony rib-

Don.

Railroad officials hope that's the last time something breaks at the huge pit stop for freight trains hauling cargo between Chicago and Pacific Northwest ports. The ceremony was Tuesday and the station opens for business on Wednesday just east of Spokane, Wash

The facility is built atop an aquifer that is the sole source of drinking water for some 400,000 people in the Spokane area, but railroad officials insist they built so many safeguards in the \$42 million project that the water will remain safe.

"Tve never seen a facility designed with this level of protection," said project manager Kenny Hancock of the engineer-



Electrical explosion
Mountain Home firefighters extinguish an electrical fire in Mountain Home, Ark. Four workers for
North Arkansa Electric Cooperative were hurt, three of them
severely, when a transformer they
were moving exploded. Electric
cooperative spokesman Jerry
Estes said the utility was assessing the damage and trying to
determine the cause of the blast.

ing firm Hanson-Wilson Inc. of Kansas City, Mo.

New delegate

FRANKFORT — Hip surgery knocked Lt. Gow. Steve Fence out of the Republiction National of the Republiclement of the Republiction of the Republic of the July 31. An adde says he remained in Kentucky on his doctor's adiock Most Kentucky delegate, including Gow. Ernie Fletcher, arrived Sunday Pence was replaced as a delegate by Hilda Legg of Somerset.

Ancient tsunami find

HONOLULU — Scientists have determined a gigantic tsunami hit the Big Island 120,000 years ago, surging almost 4 miles inland and depositing fossil-laden sand up to an elevation of at least 1,600 feet.

The tsunami was generated by the Alika 2 Landslide, which came down the western slope of nearby Mauna Loa, the University of Hawaii's School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technolo-

gy said Wednesday.

The resulting wave surged across a coral terrace, now located at a depth of 1,400 feet, before moving inland, scientists said.

The wave left a deposit of smashed-up marine shells, chunks of lava rock, lumps of soil and fragments of coral, all cemented together by what was once coralline sand, the school early

Defibrillators in schools

NEWARK — All 77 schools in New Jersey's largest school district are being equipped with machines that joit a stopped heart back to beating. Newark purchased 150 automated external defibrillators for about \$275,000 and trained school nurses to use them. Officials said they knew of no cases in Newark schools where a defibrillator was schools where a defibrillator was calculated by the control of the property of t

Bones will stay buried

IOWA CITY — The dead at when the University of lowes football stadium will stay buried. When Kinnick Stadium was waitin 1929, horses and mules were used as heavy earth-movers. Some died after breaking their legs or getting stuck in the mul. Instead of pulling them out, the animals were buried beneath the north end zone. An SS7 million renovation begins after this season, but university said the bones will be left alone.

Near-miss at airport

CA LOS ANGELES — An Asiana Airlines jet arriving at Los Angeles International Airport last month came within several hundred feet of a departing Southwest Airlines flight in broad daylight it may be a transported.

light, it was reported Wednesday. A report obtained by the Los Angeles Times said a mix-up in the air control tower may have placed both planes on the same runway, the newspaper reported.

A captain aboard the Asiana Boeing 747, which was arriving from Inchon, South Korea, aborted the landing Aug. 19 and came within several hundred feet of a Southwest jet headed to Albuquerque, the report showed.



Art from sand Alan Matsumoto, of Roanoke, Va., a member of the Sandscapes and sculpture company group, works on a sculpture at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo, Colo. The sculpture, which is a free attraction at the fair, is near completion and is entitled "20.000 Leazues Under the Sea."



Junkyard fire Firefighters battle a massive fire at an automobile salvage yard in Newport, Del. Jim Rosseel, a dispatcher with New Castle County, said about 20 firefighting units had responded to the blaze, and that tanker trucks from Chester County, Pa., also were on the way.



Light Work Dennis Swift prepares street lights for installation under the hot sun in Bakersfield, Calif. The lights were part of a remodeling project for a local hospital.



On track for the festival Eutimio Sanchez Nava works on a rollercoaster ride in preparation for Santa-Call-Gon Days in Independence, Mo. The annual festival starts with the opening of the carnival Thursday and runs through Monday.



Auto facts from Otto Otto He Auto teaches students about traffic and pedestrian safety at Car, which is part of AAA New Mexico's public affairs outreach program, uses songs, blinking headlights and skid-friendly presentation to instill good traffic habits in young-children, according to AAA's Bereda Yager.

Would-be robber flubs it

MA BOSTON — Paul Michael Callahan was a bank robber in search of a bank, according to police.

First thing Monday morning, he allegedly tried to rob a copy shop at Boston University thinking it was a bank. Boston police said he walked into the shop on Commonwealth Avenue and passed a note to a store employee asking for money. When he was told the shop wasn't a bank, Callahan asked for directions to the nearest Fleet bank branch, police said.

About 40 minutes later, he allegedly robbed a Fleet branch — but came away with less than \$200.

By Monday afternoon, Callahan allegedly held up a Citizen's Bank, making off with \$2,500. But a bright red dye pack exploded as he fled in his truck, which got a flat tire not far away.

In a last-ditch effort to get away, police said Callahan, covered in red dye, abandoned his truck and ran to a Brookline gas station, where he asked a customer there to use his cell phone. He wanted to report his truck stolen. Police found Callahan, 32, hiding in the gas station.

Same first school day?

GA ATLANTA — State politicians are considering passing a law to make the first day of school the same for all students in the state. Parents complain that starting early squeezes family vacation time and raises taxpayer-funded power bills at schools that rely on air conditioning to stay cool in the August heat.

Nearly every school was back in session by Aug. 9.

State changes tax code

LANSING—TO better colour lack the state sales tax on Internet and catalogue purchases, Michigan made changes to its tax code in line with other states participating in the effort. The changes, which take effect Wednesday, affect items that had been too free and specific properties of the state taxes.

No-call law upheld

DENVER — A federal judge upheld Colorado's no-call law that bars telemarket-ers from phoning residents whose numbers appear on a state list. Colorado Citizens for Free Speech, a group headed by mortgage company owner Jeffrey Burke, argued the law was an unconstitutional regulation of commercial speech. Telemarketers can be fined as much as \$2,000 for each unwanted phone call.

Officers, firemen rehired

SPRINGFIELD — A state-controlled financial oversight board agreed to rehire some laid-off Springfield police of facers and firefighters. The vote came after Executive Director Philip Pucci warned the city's financial situation might be worse than expected. Pucci called his figures "very preliminary." Police Chief Paula Meara said 17 pales.

trolmen, 17 civilian workers and six police cadets would be re-

Smoking ban at park

CAT SANTA BARBARA
Bone-dry conditions are bringing additional restrictions for est, including a smoking ban. Starting Wednesday, fires or stoves fueled by gas or jellied fuel will be banned except in designated campsites. Wildfire dangers make restrictions necessary because moisture levels are down to 56 percent, control of the contro

Bringing vote to victims

PHOENIX — A voter drive is tapping domestic-violence victims. VotePower aims to get women in shelters to cast ballots by helping them register and fill out affidavits requesting confidentiality. Fear of being found has been a big obstacle for victims who may be inclined by the property of the property

Bank of Bedrock scam

DENVER — Federal regulators shut down a phony Internet bank claiming to be located in the tiny Colorado town of Bedrock — population 10 — near the Utah state line.

Through its Web site, the First National Bank of Bedrock offered deposit accounts, investments, debit cards and credit cards, according to the federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The address listed for the bank — 7729 S. Granite Ave. — doesn't exist, said Bedrock postmaster Ruth Swain

Regulators said it was unclear if the Web site was a joke, perhaps in reference to the fictional town on the old "Flintstones" TV show.

But the Web site could have been an attempt to collect personal information, said Kevin Mukri, spokesman for the currency comptroller's office.

The Web site seems to have been registered under a fictitious name, the office said.

Bedrock still receives mail for Fred and Wilma Flintstone and their cartoon pals, Barney and Betty Rubble, said Swain. She stamps them "Return to Sender: Fictitious Cartoon Character."

Former mayor indicted

ATLANTA — Former Mayor Bill Campbell says a federal indictment accusing him of taking tens of thousands of dollars in bribes from city contractors was built on lies "from beginning to end."

"The only thing that's correct in this indictment is the spelling of my name," Campbell told reporters Monday after officials announced the indictment.

The indictment follows a five-year federal investigation into City Hall during Campbell's two terms as mayor, from 1994 to

The 51-year-old Democrat is accused of accepting illegal campaign contributions, cash, free travel and home improvements in exchange for city contracts.

Stories and photos from wire services

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J Horoscope

The sensual Taurus moon reminds us to enjoy ourselves, while the sun in Virgo brings focus to a million small details that enhance our experiences Jovce Jillson

The result is complete satisfaction, as long as we choose to focus on the right details - the ones that support the idea that you're really living the good life. Be careful not to spend too much

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 4). Social

prestige and glistening self-image reward your personal growth this year Smooth public relations this month help you build your career. Sweethearts meet during the holidays. Love signs are Sagittarius or Capri-com. In matters of finance, stable investments are your best strategy before 2005. You'll remodel or buy property in March.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). That old saving "No pain, no gain" is pessimistic. Why must everything that's good for you come at a price?

Refuse to buy into the belief that life has to be hard to be righteous. Maybe the most beneficial thing to do is also the most fun. TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Intuition is your best ally, but don't leave your intellect at home. When all your facilities are working together, vou're at vour absolute best. Romance must be delicately handled. It's not fair to string someone along

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Set up meetings - there's almost no one who won't take your call. An Aries is a strong supporter. Children manipulate you if you give them the chance. Have a structure in mind

before you enter a situation

CANCER (June 22-July 22). On the one hand, you'd like to push yourself to do all that's humanly possible, and on the other, you're not sure how much is humanly possible. Even Lance Armstrong

has to recharge his batteries, right? Listen to your body LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your relationship with money is highlight-ed, and there are all kinds of feelings that go along with it. Be mindful not to tie your self-worth to the balance of your bank account, as the two have nothing to do with one

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You wake up with a new attitude.

Build a margin for error in all of your endeavors, and you'll feel as though you've been liberated! Be on time for all appointments - no excuses, especially not the one about "traffic.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). Serious ideas are brewing. Today's lessons involve listening, following directions and general compliance. If you can effectively do what someone else instructs you to do, you can do what

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's obvious to you what's right and what is wrong. But feeling you've got to be the judge and jury of the world is a heavy burden. If it's stopping you from communicating with people

you instruct yourself to do.

you care about, just drop it. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You take your fun seriously, and why not? You pay money to experience more than you'd naturally be exposed to, and you want to get the most value for your dollar. Make an effort to talk to people you don't know

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You have incredible intellectual powers. You learn quickly and have a terrific imagination. These gifts are best utilized when you've also got people around you who will help you see your projects through to the

AOUARIUS (Ian. 20-Feb. 18). Success can be simple. Keep your objectives clearly in mind, and the "how" part of the equation is easy. A former flame wants to give the relationship another try. This satis fies your ego but probably not your heart

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Assert your independence whenever possible. Because of your perceived power, a competitor may unexpectedly withdraw, making you the winner by default. You will gain energy in social situations instead of

feeling drained

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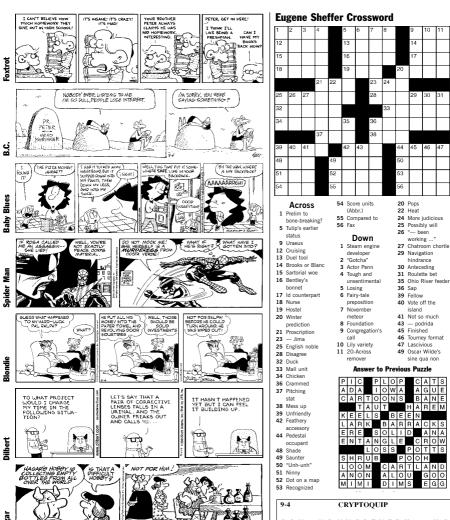












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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

Alcohol sours visits with father JUMBLE

Dear Abby: I am 26 and a single mother. My parents divorced when I was a teenager, but they have always been there for me emotionally and financially. For the most part we have always been a close and loving family who could go out and have a great time Dear Abby

together. The last few times that Dad and I have had drinks, we have said hurtful things to each other, and it has escalated to shoving and hitting. When we're sober we are affectionate and loving. We go on vacations and have a great time with the whole family

Do you have any idea what could be causing this?

- Hung Over in Midland, Texas

Dear Hung Over: Yes, I do. It's the alcohol. Since alcohol can cause a change in personality, it is important that you and your dad avoid it.

P.S. Are you aware that alcohol problems can run in families? It is vital that you warn your child about this important fact and set a good example.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is listed in your phone book, Contact them, and they will provide you with literature on this subject.

Dear Abby: I'm

embarrassed to admit this, but after two years of marriage, I still have not sent out thank-you notes to everyone who attended my wedding and gave us gifts

Our wedding was during finals week of college, and immediately after that, we left for our honeymoon. One week after our return, we moved across the state and had to set up a home and find employment.

how many people have asked my mother if we received their gift and "where are the thank-yous." Is there anything I can do to eliminate this guilt before I'm condemned to live with it forey

- Guilty in New York

Dear Guilty: Yes. Buy a nice box of stationery and a pen, and write gracious notes to everyone who gave you a wedding gift. Say, "I apologize for the long delay in writing to you, but I want you to know how much 'John' and I are enjoying the lovely () you gave us for our wedding, and I want to thank you for your generosity in giving it to us

Believe me, it's better to receive a tardy thank-you note than never to receive one at all

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Ask parents' input on sleeping plans

Dear Annie: I am a 24-year-old woman who lives several hundred miles away from my parents. I have been living with my boyfriend. "Keith," for two years, and my parents are fully aware (and mostly supportive) of our situation. They have grown to love Keith and respect our relationship.

The problem is that Mom and Dad are coming to visit us soon. Keith and I have had a few discussions about sleeping arrangements, and we aren't sure how to proceed. We live in a large two-bedroom apartment, and there's no question that one of the bedrooms will be used by my parents. The question is, should Keith and I share the other room while my parents are here, or should he stay on the sofa? My folks aren't stupid. They know Keith and I share a bedroom, although I believe they prefer not to think about it. It will make my folks uncomfortable, knowing their little girl is sleeping with her



boyfriend in the next room. However, it's my apartment and I should be able to govern what happens, which includes sleeping in the same bed with my loving, committed boy

Keith has offered to sleen on the couch as a sign of respect to my parents. While I appreciate the gesture. I don't

have anything to hide. Any suggestions

- Approval-Seeking Transplant Dear Transplant: Give your parents some credit. They know you and Keith are living together and what that entails. They apparently are comfortable enough to visit regardless. Stop speculating and ask them how they feel about the sleeping arrangements, although it isn't necessary to give up vour bedroom unless vou want to. And Keith gets a big hug from us for being so sensitive and

considerate. He sounds like a

keener

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Confused in Canada," who wanted to know if she should tell her cousin that she

actually was her sister. I am 60 years old and have a sister 12 years my senior. Eight vears ago, my sister informed me that my twin brother and I were not sired by the person I always had thought was my father.

I wish she hadn't told me. I feel as though I've been kicked in the teeth. My advice to "Confused" is to keen her tran shut and let the young girl continue to accept her aunt as her mother. To do otherwise now, at this late date, is to open up a can of worms garnished with anguish.

- Where Am I From? Dear Where: We can under stand your bitterness at this revelation, although many peo ple prefer to know the truth, no matter how much it hurts

matter now much it nurs.

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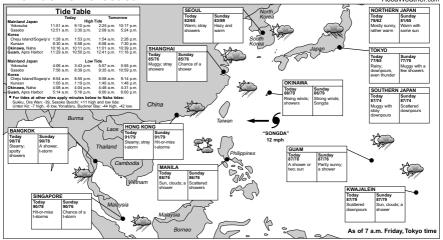


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Extended Forecasts

Monday: Periods of clouds and

high 82, low 73. Tuesday: Thunderstorms. high 85, low 76.

KADENA

Monday: Thundershowers, high 86, low 77. Tuesday: Showers high 86 low 77

Monday: Periods of clouds and high 85, low 66. Tuesday: Rain. high 79 low 63

MANILA

Monday: Thundershowers, high 86, low 76. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 88, low 76.

HAGATNA

Monday: Showers, high 89, low 78. Tuesday: Showers, high 87, low 76.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	86/60	Los Angeles	85/64
Amarillo	88/60	Little Rock	89/66
Anchorage	60/47	Louisville	83/68
Asheville	74/60	Miami	93/80
Baltimore	82/64	Milwaukee	85/63
Birmingham	88/69	Nashville	83/66
Bismarck	93/59	New York	79/64
Boise	71/43	Omaha	90/68
Boston	71/58	Orlando	92/76
Brownsville	89/74	Philadelphia	83/63
Buffalo	77/60	Phoenix	107/80
Burlington	69/53	Pittsburgh	81/60
Charleston, St	C 85/69	Portland, OR	67/55
Charlotte	84/63	Portland, ME	68/50
Cleveland	81/62	Salt Lake City	85/56
Columbus, OF		St. Louis	85/67
Duluth	83/60	San Antonio	90/68
El Paso	86/66	San Diego	77/65
Hartford	77/53	San Juan	93/76
Helena	67/38	Tampa	94/76
Indianapolis	83/65	Tulsa	91/67
Jacksonville	89/74	Washington	85/66
Kansas City	88/64	Wichita	91/65



U.S. Extended Forecast

The very strong Hurricane Frances will affect portions of eastern Florida Saturday with very windy conditions and heavy rain. Meanwhile, a cool front moving southward through the Northeast will trigger a few showers in New England. Cool air from Canada will filter in behind this front. Mostly to partly sunny skies will be featured for most of the eastern half of the nation ahead of a cold front that will be draped over the Plains. Showers will occur behind the front along with a thunderstorm in spots. As an area of high pressure remains over the Northwest, chilly conditions will be felt. The Southwest will remain hot and dry, while unsettled weather will persist in the Southeast.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures					Saturday's World Temperatures								
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/78	lwakuni	83/72	Sasebo NB	84/74	Acapulco	92/74	Budapest	82/55	Kabul	94/56	Nairobi	78/50
Beijing	85/69	Kadena AB	88/79	Sapporo	78/62	Athens	85/65	Buenos Aires	75/58	Kiev	61/47	New Delhi	98/81
Camp Casey	83/65	Kunsan AB	85/69	Seoul	82/65	Auckland	52/42	Cairo	97/69	Kuwait	110/81	Oslo	70/56
Christchurch	51/34	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	85/76	Baghdad	114/78	Cancun	85/73	London	81/63	Paris	79/60
Diego Garcia	82/75	Manila	88/76	Singapore	90/78	Barbados	89/74	Cape Town	70/41	Madrid	80/60	Rio de Janeiro	74/62
Hagatna	87/76	Misawa AB	77/64	Sydney	65/46	Barcelona	79/67	Geneva	79/63	Mexico City	72/55	Rome	87/66
Hanoi	91/77	Osan	85/65	Taegu	84/66	Berlin	77/61	Istanbul	76/58	Montreal	74/58	St. Petersburg	66/46
Hong Kong	91/79	Perth	62/46	Taipei	90/72	Bermuda	85/72	Jerusalem	90/64	Mogadishu	88/73	Stockholm	69/57
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	80/70	Tokyo	77/65	Brussels	79/60	Johannesburg	69/50	Moscow	65/41	Warsaw	70/51



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Deville, 50K miles, Northstar, excellent condition, tan/tan leather. loaded. Was dealer certified car one year ago. \$14,500. Call 031-618-4453 or DSN 753-2071 Korea - 2003 Ford Escape XLT, 7K miles, V-6, automatic, 6 disk CD player, leather, power locks & windows, A/C, blue exterior grey interior, Call 011-9693-0205 Kevin. å windows, A/C, i grey interio 011-9693-0205 Kev

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Courtney - '91 Misubishi RVR. Green, gray Interior, clean, no rust, silver tinted, 6 disc of changer, automatic, oil change done August '04, JCI due 12/04, great family vehicle! Available now. Asking \$2500. Call Sean now. Asking 622-5276 622-5276 or abcook38@hotmail.com Courtney - 1990 Toyota Cresta JCI 2006, cold AC, new brake work, light gold color and very reliable. Only \$500 Call: 622-5254 or email: rkrhunt@hotmail.com

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Jiri Noviak (25), Czech Republic, def. Alex Calatrava, Spain, 75, 5-1, 6-3. Tim Henman (5), Britain, def. Jerome Gol-mard, France, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7). Sections Section (1), Grand Lindsay Davenport (5), United States, def. Arantza Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-4, 6-2. Shinobu Asagoe, Japan, def. Jill Craybas, United States, 7-5, 6-3. Elena Bovina (20), Russia, def. Maria Elena Elena Bovina (20), Russia, def. Maria Elena

Doubles
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Rainer Schuettler, Germany, and Milkhail Youzhry, Russia, del. Federico Browne and Gudern Comman, Sweden and Todd Woodbridge (1), Australia, def. Scott Humphries and Donald Johnson, United States, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-1. .. as Berdych, Czech Republic, and Ivo ic, Croatia, def. Robby Ginepri, United , and Mark Merklein, Bahamas, 7-5, 7-6

Women
First Round
Caroline Dhenin, France, and Silvila Talaia Croatia, def. Maria Vento-Kabchi, Venezue-la, and Angelique Widjaja (11), Indonesia, 6-3, 6-1. Jelena Kostanic, Croatia, and Claudine Schaul, Luxembourg, def. Severine Bel trame, France, and Roberta Vinci, Italy, 7-5

7-5. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Rennae Stubbs (3), Australia, def. Lilia Osterloh and Shenay Perry, United States, 6-3, 6-4. Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and Conchita Martinez (6), Spain, def. Jessica Kirkland and Lindsay Lee-Waters, United States, 4-6, 7-6

Jill Craybas, United States, and Marlene Weingarther, Germany, def. Els Callens, Bel-gium, and Petra Mandula (16), Hungary, 6-1, 6-1.

gium, and Petra Manduia (16), Hungary, 6-1. Jennifer Hookins and Mashona Washing-ton, United States, def. Bethanie Mattek and Alpjail Spears, United States, 4-5, 7-5, 6-4. Australia, def. Elena Bovina, Russia, and Australia, def. Prance, 6-1, 1-1, retired, Elena Demertieva, Russia, and Al Sudye Bethand States, and Manda (18), 6-1, 67 States, and Mara Santragelo, Lidly, 6-1, 67 (3), 7-5, capili, United States, and Nan-Ansie year-et Materio Rasirolli Enone. Miyagi, Japan, def. Marion Bartoli, France and Myriam Casanova (9), Switzerland, 6-4 6-2

6-2.
Audra Cohen and Riza Zalameda, United States, def. Anastasia Myskina and Vera Zvonareva (8), Russia, walkover.
Wednesday

Men's singles First Round Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Gregory Car-raz, France, 7-5, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3. Jurgen Metzer, Austrilla, Self. Gregory Casa-Jurgen Metzer, Austrilla, Self. Gregory Casa-Schastien Grospica (12), France, ed. (10):47-Fatter Bergerich, 7-36 Feb. (20):16 Left Jones Sprimme (12), Self. 14, 6-1. 14, 6

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nis van Scneppingen,
(5), 6-3.
Ricardo Mello, Brazil, def. Juan Ignaci
Chela (17), Argentina, 6-2, 7-6 (1), 2-6, 2-6, 6-2
David Sarichez, Spain, def. Wayn
Odesnik, United States, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2, 6-3
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Patty Schryder (15). Switzerland, def. Iveta Benesovà, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1. Jelena Kostanic, Croatia, def. tugeria Lipleena Kostanic, Croatia, def. tugeria Lipleena Kostanic, Croatia, def. tugeria LiAl Sugivama (12), Japan, def. Gisela Dulko, Al Sugivama (12), Japan, def. Gisela Dulko, Danrela Vanturio, CaroLos Carolina, CaroLos Carolina, CaroMaria Vertoca, def. def. Alicia
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Canada 5, Slovakia 1
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Finland 3, Germany 0

At St. Paul, Minn.
United States vs. Russia
Friday, Sept. 3

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At St. Paul, Minn.
Slovakia vs. United States

Saturday, Sept. 4 At Helsinki, Finland Sweden vs. Finland Russia vs. Canada
Sunday, Sept. 5
At Toronto Slovakia vs. Russia

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Hurricane Frances washes out events

MIAMI - Florida State and Miami will still play in prime time, just four days later than planned.

The nationally televised game, originally scheduled for Monday night, was postponed Thursday as Hurricane Frances moved clos er to Florida's east coast. No. 11 Florida's opener against Middle Tennessee State on Saturday also was rescheduled

The game between the No. 5 Seminoles and the No. 6 Hurri-

canes will be played Friday night at the Orange Bowl. Florida's home game will be played Oct. 16, athletic director

Jeremy Foley said. In baseball, the Florida Marlins postponed Friday's series opener against the Chicago Cubs team said no decision has been made on whether to call Saturday or Sunday games off, or when Fri day's game will be made up.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays have been in contact with league officials about their possibilities. Tampa Bay is scheduled to play Detroit, Friday through Sunday at Tropicana Field.

In the NFL, the Miami Dolphins said Thursday they were still planning to travel to New Orleans for Friday's preseason finale with the Saints, but that could change. Players are concerned about leaving their families.

Jimenez leads European Masters

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland - Miguel Angel Jimenez, who won last week's European Tour event in Germany, shot 6-under-par 65 Thursday to take the first-round lead of the Europe-

The 40-year-old Spaniard, a member of Europe's Ryder Cup team, was one stroke ahead of Ryder Cup teammate Sergio Garcia. Also at 66 were Marc Farry of France Peter Raker of England and Peter Hedblom of Sweden.

Luke Donald, the third Ryder Cup player in the tournament, was among those at 67. Defending champion Ernie Els struggled through his opening nine with two bogeys and no birdies, but he made five birdies on his second nine for a 69.

Report: Mickelson, Titleist part ways

ORLANDO, Fla. - Masters champion Phil Mickelson has been released from his five-year contract with Titleist and is free to sign with another equipment company, Golfweek magazine reported.

Mickelson had 16 months left on his contract, which was worth more than \$4 million a year.

The decision comes at a time when Mickelson is at the top of his game. He broke through at Augusta National to win his first major, then came within a com-bined five shots of winning the other three majors.

Golfweek cited unidentified sources as saying Mickelson and his agent. Steve Lov of Gaylord Sports Management, asked tleist to renegotiate the deal after



the Masters. But Titleist refused, and discussions followed that en-

abled Mickelson to get out of the deal Titleist chief executive Wally

Uihlein was traveling Thursday afternoon and could not be reached for comment

Lov was out of the office, and his secretary said there would be no comment.

The decision by Titleist not to renew a deal with one of the most popular players in golf is not surprising because the company. owned by Acushnet, has always put its brand ahead of any one player. Titleist also let Woods out of his contract when the world's No. 1 player moved toward using Nike Golf's ball and eventually its clubs.

Finland clinches home ice in World Cup of Hockey quarters

COLOGNE, Germany - Miikka Kiprusoff earned his second straight shutout as Finland blanked Germany 3-0 Thursday night in the World Cup of Hock ey, clinching home-ice advantage in the quarterfinals next week

Kimmo Timonen of the Nashville Predators Teemu Selanne of the Colorado Avalanche and Jere Lehtinen of the Dallas Stars scored for Finland, which shut out the Czech Republic 4-0 Monday night in Helsinki.

The Finns now return to their capital to meet archrival Sweden on Saturday. Sweden is also 2-0 in the European pool and gained home-ice advantage in the quarters after back-to-back wins over Germany (5-2) and the Czechs (4-3) in Stockholm.

Germany travels to Prague to meet the Czechs on Friday in a game between two winless teams. In the quarterfinals, the group winner meets the No. 4 team, and the runner-up plays the No. 3

NHL labor talks stalled

The NHL and the players association completed a three-day round of talks Thursday and were no closer to a deal that might save the upcoming season.

Negotiations are expected to resume next week. The collective bargaining agreement expires Sept. 15, and owners intend to impose a lockout if a new deal isn't in place then

The NHLPA called these discussions that began two weeks earlier a "side step" in the negotiations. The league labeled it a "cha-rade" and claimed that the players were stalling to force owners to lock them out

Man who sabotaged marathon to stand trial on child indecency

LONDON - The former priest from Ireland who sabotaged the men's Olympic marathon by tackling the race leader was ordered Thursday to stand trial in Britain next month on child indecency charges dating to events from more than 10 years ago.

Bryant case had flaws from start

By JON SARCHE The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. - In essence, the writing was on the wall. The last-minute dismissal of the Kobe Bryant rape case followed months of gaffes by court-

house staff that put his 20-year-old accuser in an uncomfortable spotlight. A determined, well-financed legal assault from the NRA star's defense team also helped stop the trial before it

Legal experts say the prosecution also had a very difficult case to prove - a he said-she said in which the accuser told investigators she willingly flirted with Bryant and engaged in consensual kissing. Complicating the case was a defense expert who said DNA evidence showed the woman slept with someone else not long after leaving Bryant's hotel room

"What seems very apparent is the prosecution made missteps early on," said Denver attorney Lisa Wayne, who has defended numerous sevual assault cases "They never got to know this woman

During a news conference, District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said he is confident that if a jury had been able to hear the alleged victim testify, Bryant would have

been convicted.

"The prosecution wants to try this case. I want to try this case,

facts," he said. "Any time you see the defense ahead of the prosecution it can only be because the prosecution didn't want to know something.

The prosecution said, 'Let's not do anything that could hurt Pozner said. "That's not a search for justice, it's a conviction-at-any-cost mentality. Sometimes the bravest thing you do is look at your police and say we

The case also was marred by a series of mistakes, many of them by people the woman's attorneys said she trusted the most.

The accuser's name was included in filings mistakenly posted on a state court Web site and a cour reporter accidentally e-mailed transcripts of a closed-door hearing on the woman's sexual activities to seven news organizations, which published the details.

Within those transcripts was a prelude of what would have come at trial: Testimony from a defense forensics expert who said she was convinced the accuser had sex with someone else soon after leaving Bryant - a claim that goes to the heart of the woman's credibility and her image as a traumatized

The accuser's decision to file a civil lawsuit against Bryant was another blow to the case, because it gave defense attorneys a chance to argue the woman had a financial motive to accuse Bryant



District Attorney Mark Hurlbert dropped the criminal case against Kobe Bryant on Wednesday.

he said. "However, the victim has informed us after much of her she does not want to proceed. For this reason and this reason only I am dismissing the case

Wendy Murphy, a professor at the New England School of Law, Boston, said Hurlbert was just trying to shift responsibility

It's a different way of blaming the victim, it's the government sloughing off onto the victim the failure of the justice system," she said. "It's the prosecutor's iob. it's the government's responsibility to pursue this."

Larry Pozner, a former presi-dent of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said prosecutors and investiga-tors made a fatal mistake by arresting Bryant and filing the charge before having full knowledge of the alleged victim's activi-ties and the DNA test results.

"The defense kept pulling in dump trucks full of evidence until [the prosecutors] drowned in bad

Many games, but few real contests

BY RALPH D RUSSO The Associated Press

For the college football fan who can never get enough, this week-

With the NFL season a week away, college football has practi cally taken over Labor Day weekend. Games begin Thursday night

Picks

day night. Top-ranked Southern Cali fornia and No. 23 Oregon are the only Top 25 teams not in action. The one drawback: It's a quantity over quality

and continue

through Mon-

situation There are few juicy matchups among the top teams. The third meeting between Miami and Florida State in less than a year. scheduled for Monday night but postponed to Friday because of Hurricane Frances, is the only

game involving two ranked Most of the top teams will ease into their seasons by hosting nonconference patsies - though don't try suggesting that to the coaches expected to ring up an

easy W 'We're playing a very, very formidable opponent," said Florida coach Ron Zook whose 11th-ranked Gators open against Middle Tennessee. "A team that is used to being in these type of sit-

uations. Hopefully, our football team is prepared and ready to Some of the other glaring mismatches include: No. 3 Georgia Southern; No. 12 Kansas State taking on I-AA Western Kentucky; No. 17 Auburn against Louisi

ana-Monroe; and No. 18 Missouri vs. Arkansas State.
No. 20 Utah opened at home Thursday night against Texas A&M, while Mike Price was mak ing his debut as UTEP coach

against Arizona State. Friday night is light, with Wash-ington State at New Mexico the

only game. After a full load on Saturday Sunday's slate is highlighted by

Syracuse at No. 24 Purdue in the afternoon and No. 14 Tennessee hosting UNLV at night

'My opinion is it would be aw fully nice to play at 1 o'clock every Saturday, but I think we also understand what drives this thing," Syracuse coach Paul Pasgualoni said. "To have that kind f exposure, there's some advan tages to that so there's a price to nay for some inconvenience.

Seminoles-Hurricanes caps the college football feast.

Who needs the NFL? The picks:

Thursday

Texas A&M (plus 81/2) at No. 20 Utah: Aggies should be better in year two under Dennis Fran-chione . . . UTAH 23-16.

Saturday

Bowling Green (plus 321/2) at No. 2 Oklahoma: No MAC magic here as Jason White begins possible Heisman encore . . . OKLAHO-MA 40-16

Georgia Southern (no line) at No. 3 Georgia: One of Division I-AA's best against one of I-A's best is no contest ... GEORGIA 34-7.

Oregon State (plus 181/2) at No. 4 LSU: OSU's sticky corners will be tough on LSU's new starting and receivers. ...

North Texas (plus 26) at No. 7 Texas: Longhorns are 7-0 against Mean Green, including 27-0 in

2002 TFXAS 27-7 Miami (Ohio) (plus 13) at No. 8 Michigan: RedHawks own longest winning streak in the country at 14. . . . MICHIGAN 34-14.

Cincinnati (plus 15) at No. 9 Ohio State: Bearcats nearly beat Buckeyes in 2002. . . . OHIO STATE 17-10

East Carolina (plus 281/2) at No. West Virginia: Mountaineers QB Rasheed Marshall could run for 100 ... WEST VIRGINIA

Middle Tennessee (plus 28) at No. 11 Florida: Gaussian last season with 65-3 win over FLORIDA

Western Kentucky (no line) at No. 12 Kansas State: K-State's fifth game in last three seasons against I-AA opponent ... SAS STATE 48-9

No. 13 California (minus 13½) at Air Force: Falcons' option offense vs. Cal's balanced and versa attack ... CALIFORNIA

Wake Forest (plus 111/2) at No 15 Clemson: Clemson's last loss was 45-17 to Wake Forest ...

CLEMSON 45-17 No. 16 Virginia (minus 16) at Temple: Why are the Cavaliers playing at Temple? ... VIRGINIA

Louisiana-Monroe (plus 38) at No. 17 Auburn: Tigers opening easy after last year's 0-2 start . . . **AUBURN 50-10**

Arkansas State (plus 33) at No. 18 Missouri: Tigers QB Brad Smith runs for 100 and throws for in about two quarters MISSOURI 48-10

Kent State (plus 30) at No. 19 Iowa: Golden Flashes have no shot without suspended QB

UCF (plus 23) at No. 21 Wisconsin: George O'Leary will miss UCF's opener to attend the funeral of his 83-year-old mother ... WISCONSIN 35-17.

Northern Illinois (plus 14) at No. 22 Maryland: Huskies beat Terps in DeKalb. Ill., last year. 20-13 in OT ... MARYLAND 24-14

Toldeo (plus 11½) at No. 25 linnesota: Rockets are class of Minnesota: MAC with QB Bruce Gradkowski leading the way ...

Sunday

UNLV (plus 20) at No. 14 Tennessee: Vols to start freshman QB
— either Erick Ainge or Brent Schaeffer TENNESSEE

Syracuse (plus 12) at No. 24 Purdue: Kyle Orton is Heisman darkhorse for Boilermakers . . . PURDUE 30-20.

Thursday, Sept. 9 No. 5 Florida State (plus 2) at

No. 6 Miami (Postponed, Hurricane Frances): Seminoles take early lead in ACC race against hated Hurricanes ... FLORIDA STATE 23-20.

Case: Alleged victim opts out, prompting dismissal of charges

CASE FROM BACK PAGE

In this case, District Judge Terry Ruckriegle ruled that the woman's sex life in the three days surrounding her encounter with Bryant could be admitted as evidence, which may have bolstered the defense contention that she slept with someone after leaving Bryant and before she went to a hospital - a potentially key blow to her credibility. The woman's lawyers have denied the accusation. And after mistakes that revealed her identity at least two death threats and relentless media attention, she apparently had had enough

"The difficulties that this case has imposed on this woman the past year are unimaginable," said John Clune, one of her attorneys. He said she was particularly disturbed by mistakes including the release of her name on a state courts Web site and her medical history to attorneys.

Neither Bryant nor his accuser were in the courtroom as the judge threw out the case, blaming budget cuts in part for a lack of courthouse staff and the mistakes.

Outside the courthouse, Hurlbert said the decision to drop the case "is not based upon a lack of be lief in the victim — she is an extremely credible and an extremely brave young woman.'

"A trial can be traumatic for any victim of any crime more so with the victim of a sexual assault and even more so with the victim of a sexual assault whose victimization has been subject to worldwide scrutiny," the prosecutor said

Bryant said the civil case against him "will be decided by and between the parties directly involved in the incident and will no longer be a financial or emotional drain on the citizens of the state of Colo-

"I also want to make it clear that I do not question the motives of this young woman," Bryant said, "No money has been paid to this woman. She has agreed that this statement will not be used against me in the civil case

Larry Pozner, a former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said he did not think Bryant's statement suggested an interest in settling the civil lawsuit.

"I would have guessed today would have been a global settlement (covering both cases)," he said. "If it isn't, it's because the defense has told them, 'We aren't paying you very much, and if you want to continue, bring it on.

The lawsuit, like the criminal case, accuses Bryant of attacking the woman in his room at the Cordillera resort near Edwards, causing her emotional and physical problems that linger to this day. Prosecutors said Bryant flirted with the woman, a

front desk employee, during a tour of the resort. After the two ended up in his room, they began to kiss, which she acknowledged was conse vestigators have said the encounter turned violent and that she told Bryant "no" at least twice.

In the civil suit, the attorneys said at some point during the kissing "Bryant's voice became deeper and his acts became rougher" as he began to grope the woman. She asked him to stop, but Bryant allegedly blocked her exit, grabbed her and forced her over a chair to rape her. Bryant's hands were around the woman's neck, the attorneys said — "a perceived threat of potential strangulation if she resisted his advances.

Wood helps Cubs overcome poor hitting

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MONTREAL — The Chicago Cubs found a good way to make up for their poor hitting — a shutdown pitching performance by Kerry Wood.

Wood's eight shutout innings made up for another listless performance by the Cubs' offense and gave Chicago the lead in the

National League wild-card race:
The Cubs beat the Montreal
Expos 2-1 in 11 innings Wednesday night, taking two of three in
the series with the Expos despite
scoring just four earned runs.
That was enough to give them a
one-game edge over Barry Bonds
and the Glants, and push them
three games ahead of the
hard-charging, homer-happy

Houston Astros.

Tony Armas and three others held the Cubs scoreless through nine innings for a second straight night but Chicago used a wild pitch by Claudio Vargas (5-5) to finally break through in the 11th. After Nomar Garciaparra scampered home from third, Mark Grudzielanek provided insurance with an RBI single.

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"Both guys pitched great,"
Both guys pitched great,"
Sammy Sosa said. "Good pitching
is going to stop good hitting, no
question about it. Wood was awesome and the other guy was awesome, and we just kept grinding.
We and we just kept grinding.
We have go with
there and play the game hard
every day—every imning, every
swing."

would struck out 11, the fourth the this season he reached double digits and the 41st time in 150 career starts. "Mr. Wood was just too tough for us and we couldn't yet anything." Expos manager Frank Robinson said. "It's tough against him. We lost a tough one and we can take a lot of pride in the way we played really good baseball. We just came up short." LaTroy Hawkins (44) allowed

Endy Chavez's RBI grounder in the home half, but held on for the win in two innings of relief. In Wednesday's other NL

games:

Roundup

Wright pitched seven innings of four-hit ball to snap visiting Colorado's eight-game losing streak.

Barry Bonds walked three times and had one official at-bat, when he flied out in the seventh. The slugger stayed at 696 career

The slugger stayed at 696 career homers for the third straight day. Wright (2-2) hadn't won since July 24 at Arizona. Shawn Chacon got his 31st save.

Marlins 5, Mets 4: Paul Lo Duca hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the sixth inning, Mike Lowell homered and visiting Florida won its sixth straight.

The Marlins won for the ninth time in 11 games to move seven games over .500 for the first time since June 23

Armando Benitez pitched a perfect ninth for his NL-leading 40th save in 43 opportunities. The former Mets closer has 10 saves against New York this season.

Cardinals 4, Padres 2: At. St. Louis, Albert Pujols homered for the third straight game and Chris Carpenter pitched seven innings of six-hit ball to help the Cardinals with their fifth straight and drop San Diego 1½ games back in the wild-card race.

Larry Walker and Scott Rolen homered in the first inning and Reggie Sanders had a pair of doubles for the NL Central leaders, who have won 10 of 12.

Jim Edmonds, who hit seven homers in his previous six games, was 0-for-3 with three strikeouts and a walk.

Diamondbacks 3, Dodgers 1: At Phoenix, Shea Hillenbrand hit a two-run double, and Brandon Webb pitched six strong innings for Arizona.

Greg Aquino got his 10th save in 10 tries for the Diamondbacks, who have the worst record in the major leagues but have won three of five.

Hideo Nomo (3-11), activated from the disabled list before the game, allowed three runs, four hits and struck out cover in six in CHACAGO 34

Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood struck out 11 in eight shutout innings Wednesday as the Cubs took a one-game lead in the NL wild-card race with a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos in Montreal.

nings. He walked five in his eighth straight loss.

Braves 7, Phillies 2: Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones each hit solo homers, and Jaret Wright pitched six strong innings for visiting Atlanta.

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Wright (14-6) won his third straight start and improved to 12-1 since May 27. Pirates 5, Brewers 2 (10): At Milwaukee, Craig Wilson hit a two-out, pinch-hit home run in the ninth and Ty Wigginton's two-out infield single drove home the go-ahead run in the 10th.

Salomon Torres (7-4) picked up the win with a perfect ninth. Jose Mesa earned his 36th save in 41 chances.

In Thursday's NL games:

Marlins 9, Mets 6: Carl Pavano moved into a tie for the NL lead with his 16th win, helping vis-

iting Florida gain ground in the wild-card chase.

Juan Pierre and Juan Encarnacion each drove in three runs for the Marlins, who swept the four-game series and have won six in a row overall.

They'll have to wait at least a couple days to get back on the field, though, because Friday night's series opener against the wild-card leading Chicago Cubs was postponed due to Hurricane Frances. The Marlins said no decision has been made on whether to call off games Saturday or Sunday, or when Friday's postponement will be made up.

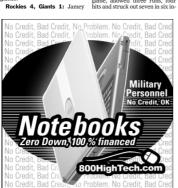
Rookie third baseman David Wright homered twice for the free-falling Mets, who have lost six straight and 11 of 12, ending their homestand 1-10. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it was the Mets' worst homestand of 10 or more games since their first season in 1962.

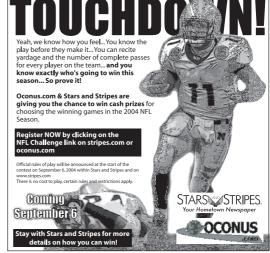
Pavano (16-5) allowed four runs and eight hits while striking out six. He left after allowing Jeff Keppinger's leadoff single in the seventh. Guillermo Mota pitched two hitless innings of relief, and Josias Manzanillo finished.

The Marlins are 2½ games behind Chicago for the wild-card snot.

Brewers 7, Pirates 1: Ben Sheets threw a four-hitter for his first win since the All-Star break, Bill Hall drove in four runs and Milwaukee beat Pittsburgh to salvage a split of their four-game home series.

Hall and Keith Ginter homered for the Brewers, who had lost eight consecutive series and 12 of





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Red Sox win for 14th time in 15 games

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BOSTON - Johnny Damon and the Boston Red Sox are putting pressure on the New York ees and pulling away from

everybody else. Kevin Millar homered and drove in four runs, Damon had four of Boston's 16 hits, and the streaking Red Sox beat the Anaheim Angels 12-7 Wednesday night at Fenway Park for their eighth consecutive victory and 14th in 15 games

"They're going to be a force in whatever ballpark they're play-ing in," Angels manager Mike Sci-oscia said. "Right now they could play in the Grand Canyon and they're going to score runs."

Boston has scored at least 10 runs five times in 12 games Every starter had a hit by the fifth inning and six players ended the night batting .291 or better.

The Red Sox remained just 31/2 games behind the AL East-leading Yankees and opened a 3½-game lead over Anaheim in the AL wild-card race.

Mark Bellhorn, David Ortiz and Orlando Cabrera drove in two runs apiece for Boston, which goes for a three-game sweep Thursday night.

The Red Sox won even though Bronson Arroyo allowed five runs in 22/3 innings, ending a streak of 41 games in which Boston start-

ers went at least five innings. Terry Adams (5-4) pitched 21/3 scoreless innings for the win.

Anaheim starter Aaron Sele

(8-2) allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 31/3 innings. The Angels have lost three of four after winning nine in a row but are only three games behind AL West leader Oakland

The Angels called

A Roundup

43-year-old first baseman Andres Galarraga from Triple-A Salt Lake, but designated hitter Tim Salmon elected to have sea son-ending operations on his left knee and left shoulder

Yankees 5, Indians 3: At New York, Orlando Hernandez al-lowed three hits in seven innings, and Jorge Posada hit a two-run

Coming off their most lopsided loss ever in a 22-0 rout Tuesday night, the Yankees rallied when Posada homered against C.C. Sabathia (10-9) in the fourth. John Olerud added a solo shot later in the inning, and Miguel Cairo hit another in the seventh off David Riske.

Hernandez (6-0) was just the second New York starter to win in 17 games since Aug. 13. He struck out seven and didn't allow a runner past second base after the first inning. Mariano Rivera got four outs for his major league-leading 46th save in 49

Twins 4, Rangers 2: Terry Tif-fee hit a go-ahead, two-run double in his major league debut to cap an eighth-inning rally and Minnesota hand visiting Texas its third straight loss.

Francisco Cordero (3-1) took the loss. He had converted 21 straight save opportunities. The Rangers dropped five games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

White Sox 5, Athletics 4: At Chicago, pinch-hitter Ross Gload came through with an RBI single in the ninth, ending Oakland's eight-game winning streak

Four men kidnap Urbina's mother

The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela The mother of Detroit Tigers pitcher Ugueth Urbina was kidnapped by four unidentified men disguised as police of-ficers, police said Thursday.

The men took Maura Villare al from a house owned by Urbina in suburban Caracas on Wednesday, said Joel Rengifo, director of the country's anti-kidnapping police force. The men have not contacted family members, he said.

The Tigers said Urbina had left the club to go to Venezuela, and the team is working with Major League Baseball and its Venezuelan contacts to assist the pitcher.

Barry Zito and the Athletics' bullpen failed to hold a 4-1 lead in the seventh.

Orioles 8. Devil Rays 0: Javy Lopez drove in four runs, Daniel Cabrera (10-7) became the first rookie to win 10 games this year and Tampa Bay managed only two hits in its fifth straight loss.

Blue Jays 4, Mariners 2: At Toronto Frank Menechino hit a tiebreaking homer off Ron Vil lone (5-5) in the seventh, and David Bush (3-3) pitched seven strong innings to help Seattle snap a season-high, five-game winning streak.

Mariners star Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-3, giving him 214 hits. He has 30 games left to break George Sisler's major league



Boston first baseman Kevin Millar homered and drove in four runs in the Red Sox's 12-7 win over the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday.

record of 257 hits set in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns. Bret Boone hit a two-run homer for Seattle

Royals 1, Tigers 0: Rookie Zack Greinke (7-9) retired his first 15 batters and allowed three hits in seven innings for homestanding Kansas City. Abraham Nunez hit an RBI single off Mike Maroth (10-10) for the only run. Jeremy Affeldt got his ninth save

In Thursday's early AL games: Athletics 4, White Sox 2: Mark Redman pitched seven strong in-nings for his 10th win and Billy McMillon homered to lead visit

ing Oakland past Chicago.

Redman (10-10) became the fourth Oakland pitcher to reach double digits in wins, allowing four hits and two runs. He retired his final 13 batters, and the AL West-leading A's won for the 14th time in 16 games.

Orioles 13, Devil Rays 2: Miguel Tejada drove in three runs and Erik Bedard pitched seven impressive innings, leading visiting Baltimore.

Tejada increased his AL-lead-ing total to 121 RBIs for the Orioles, who have won four straight following a 12-game losing streak.

Both French Open champs knocked out of U.S. Open

BY HAL BOCK The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The hard courts of Flushing Meadows claimed French Open champions Anastasia Myskina and Gaston Gaudio on Thursday when the winners of the Grand Slam clay court titles lost in

Myskina, seeded No. 4, fell to fellow Russian Anna Chakvetadze 7-6 (3), 6-3. Gaudio, seeded No. 9, was defeated by Thomas Johansson 6-1, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Earlier, Lindsay Davenport's summer of success stayed on course while Justine Henin-Hardenne's was nearly derailed.

Two-time Open champion Andre Agassi was briefly in trouble, splitting the first two sets against Florian Mayer 7-5, 2-6. But after the sixth-seeded Agassi won the third set 6-2 and was leading the fourth 1-0, Mayer was forced to retire with a thigh injury.

The fifth-seeded Davenport defeated Arantxa

Parra Santonja 6-4, 6-2 and advanced to the third round of the season's final Slam. Ton-seeded Henin-Hardenne survived a scare

and held off qualifier Tzipi Obziler 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. Myskina had all sorts of trouble with her serv managing just 47 percent for the match and just 23 percent in the second set.

There were 37 unforced errors leading to an early exit for a player who came in with a chance to over-take Henin-Hardenne for No. 1 in the world.

Henin-Hardenne struggled with a viral infection that limited her summer schedule. But the defending U.S. Open champion warmed up for this event by winning the gold medal in the Athens Olympics. a victory that included a stirring comeback from being down 1-5 in the third set of the semifinals against Myskina. were more dramatics against the

31-year-old Obziler, ranked No. 133 in the world and playing in her first Open.

Henin-Hardenne struggled with her serve, com-mitting eight double faults and 47 unforced errors. She was broken seven times once as she served for the match in the second set. She was shaky on some shots and sloppy on others and had an unexpected battle that stretched 2 hours, 14 minutes in the second round of the tournament.

"It wasn't my day today," Henin-Hardenne said.
"I was out of my rhythm. She didn't give me a chance to get rhythm. Maybe I wasn't ready to play a lot of rallies."

In other early matches, No. 15 Paradorn Srichaphan defeated Paul Goldstein 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-0. No. 31 Fabrice Santoro defeated Dimitry Tursun 6-1, 6-3, 6-4, No. 16 Andrei Pavel ousted Fernando Verdasco 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (2), No. 19 Silvia Farina Elia defeated Katarina Srebotnik 6-2, 6-1, and No. 19 Nicolas Kiefer defeated Cyruil Saulnier 7-6 (0), 6-3,

Also on the schedule for Thursday's fourth day of action were Athens silver medalists Mardy Fish and Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova. Night matches featured No. 11 Venus Williams and No. 3

Three 4-2 teams make for tight playoff race

Playoffs have proven to be a heartbreaker for the Misawa Marauders the past two seasons. They lost the 2002 U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League title game 16-6 to the Yokosuka Seahawks and faded in the first round last year 26-6 to the Kadena Dragons. Assistant coach Thomas Man-

gan said he hopes the Marauders can get off on the right foot toward a second championship game appearance in three years by beating the Yokota Raiders in front of a Misawa Air Show crowd Saturday.

"In any sport, any team feels that there's a definite edge in having home field advantage," Man-, who's been on the Misawa sideline in both their playoff heartbreakers the last two years.

"There should be a really good turnout with the base here. said, adding that with the stakes even higher for a playoff game than the regular season, "hearing the fans yell and scream is almost a 12th man on the field for us."

"At this point in the season, you don't get the 'W', you turn in your

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equipment Monday," Mangan said.

In Saturday's other playoff game, the five-time regular-season champion Yokosuka Seahawks, 4-2 like the Raiders and Marauders, host the 0-6 Atsugi White Dolphins. Gametime: p.m.

The tightness among the top three teams who each beat each other at home makes this "the season we've seen

awhile," Mangan said.
"It's not just a suka's-gonna-blow-every-'Yokobody-out' kind of season. You have three really competitive teams. And you don't want to count Atsugi out. With Yokota coming up here, we have a dogfight and I'm really looking forward to it."

RACING STRIPES

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

Quietly making his point

Despite scoring changes, Kenseth still in hunt for Cup title

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Pres-

CHARLOTTE, N.C. att Kenseth used consistency to win his first NASCAR championship. His strategy was so boring, the sanctioning body changed the rules to prevent a repeat

Kenseth, though, didn't change his style.

Now, in the ultimate revenge, Kenseth sits smack in the middle of the current points standings and well within striking distance of a second Nextel Cup title

"That would be cool," Kenseth said. "That's what our goal has been all year ... to come back and try to win the championship under this new format."

The race for the title lacked drama last year as Kenseth, using a cautious and steady style, had a series-high 25 top-10 finishes in 36 races. Although he won only one race, he practically locked up the title in July.

Sure, other drivers were mathematically within reach Kenseth, but with only two DNF's all season and a knack for finishing somewhere around fifth place every week, he basically ran away with the title.

Because the stretch run of the season meant very little in terms of crowning a champion, NASCAR radically overhauled the points system it had used since 1975

Under the new formula. NASCAR will take the top 10 drivers and reset their point totals after 26 races. The eligible drivers will be separated from first



Matt Kenseth won his first Cup championship with one victory and few DNF's. NASCAR changed its scoring to create a potentially exciting playoff chase, but Kenseth's consistency has him right in the thick of it again.

through 10th in five-point increments and compete for the title in a 10-race playoff format.

NASCAR denied Kenseth's boring title run was the reason for the change. He believes other-

"NASCAR said they didn't change it because of us, but they did." he said. "It's more of a com pliment than anything. We did that good and the team did such a good job of being consistent and not dropping out. "We just didn't make a lot of mistakes last year, and it's hard to

do it all season long." With two races to go before the field is reset, Kenseth is in fifth place in the standings. If the playoffs began tomorrow, he'd be 20 points behind leader Jeff Gordon.

No one is sure what the correct strategy will be to win a title

under the new format. Some drivers will be aggressive, going all out to try to win all 10 races. Others will just try to stay out of trouble, fearful that one accident, one broken part, will instantly ruin

"I think the guy who wins this thing is going to be the guy who can run fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh every week and doesn't have any DNF's," Kenseth said. "I

their chance at a title.

don't think it's going to be the guy who wins two or three races and drops out of two or three races.

"It's still going to be the guy who is most consistent."

It's not exactly what NASCAR had in mind when it overhauled the system.

Then again, it's not exactly the way Kenseth wants to win titles, either.

He prefers the old system when the points leader is hunted by the other 42 teams in the garage. Being mentally strong and able to hold off the challenge week in and week out was an important part of earning a title.

"I'm a traditionalist I liked the points the way they were before, he said. "It used to be you had pressure all year from Daytona to Atlanta, Now, there is pressure to get into the top 10. Then, it's only the top 10 who have the pres

Still, it's hard to believe Kenseth and his No. 17 team didn't start the season feeling just a little heat to turn things up a notch. After winning just one race all of last season, they opened this year by winning two of the first three events

Kenseth later added a victory in the annual all-star race

But it's been a series of top 10 finishes since then, and Kenseth wants to ride them right into the playoffs.

"No matter what, you don't want to go into the last few races without any momentum," Kenseth said. "So more than thinking about making the top 10 these last two races, we're thinking about running good and trying to get to Victory Lane and carry some momentum into the last 10."

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

suffered last month in a

non-NASCAR wreck, Earnhardt

led 295 of the 500 laps for his

Last race: Dale Earnhardt Jr. completed the weekend sweep at Bristol Motor Speedway by winning the Sharpie 500. Almost

completely healed from burns he





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Race 25: Pop Secret 500, 8 a.m. Monday (live), AFN-Atlantic.

Ryan Newman, 187.432 mph, 2002

Nextel Cup race record

first Nextel Cup win at the track. Last year: Inaugural race.

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3. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 3.305 4. Tony Stewart 3.195 5. Matt Kenseti 3.156 6. Kurt Rusch 3.051

7. Elliott Sadler 3.019 8. Kevin Harvick 2 923 9. Robby Laborite 2.919 10. Ryan Newman 2.918 2.892 11. Kasey Kahne

12. Mark Martin 2.883 12. Jeremy Mayfield 2,883 14. Dale Jarrett 2.873 14. Jamie McMurray 2,873 16. Casey Mears 2.628

17. Michael Waltrip 2,575 18. Gree Riffle 2.552 19. Sterling Marlin 2.546 20 Jeff Burton 2 5 2 9

BUSCH SERIES

day, SPI).

Last race: Dale Earnhardt Jr. beat
Matt Kenseth in the first green-white finish in series history to win the Food City
250 at Bristol Motor Speedway. Earnhardt started from the pole and led a
race-high 125 laps, but a series-high 13
cautions extended the event by six

Next race: Emerson 250, Sept. 10, Rich-nond, Va.

mond, Va.

Fast facts: Earnhardt has two wins in four Busch starts this season. ... Greg Biffle won the Stater Bros. 300 at California Speedway on May 1. ... The series has never competed in the state of California twice in one season. ... No polesitornia twice in one season. ... No polesitornia twice.

CHAMP CARS

Last race: Bruno Junqueira jumped Last race: Bruno Junqueira jumped back into championship contention with his win at the Molson Montreal Indy. Jun-queira recorded his first win since last August and cut Sebastien Bourdais' lead in the standings to 34 points with four

INDY RACING

way, extending Honda's winning streat to 12 races. Andretti Green Racing driv-ers swept the top three spots, a first by any team in IRL history.

Next race: Delphi Indy 300, Sept. 12, Jo-liet, III.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

Last race: Carl Edwards came from the back of the field and edged Shane Hmiel to win the O'Reilly 200 at Bristol Motor Speedway. Edwards gualified fifth, but his crew elected to make unap-proved pre-race repairs to his Ford after a spin on his second qualifying

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Michael Schumach linched his seventh F1 championsh clinched his seventh F1 championship at the Belgian Grand Prix on despite not winning for just the second time in 14 races this season. Schumacher finished second behind Kimi Raikkonen, but still earned his fifth straight drivers' title.

Next race: Sept. 12, Laguna Seca, Calif. Next race: Italian Grand Prix, Sept. 12, Monza.

SPORTS



Can Southern Cal make it two straight?

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in Stripes Timeout

Bryant sex assault case dropped

Civil lawsuit still pending; Laker issues apology

BY STEVEN K. PAULSON The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The sexual assault charge against Kobe Bryant has been dropped, but his accuser — whose reluctance to participate derailed the criminal trial before it ever really got started — isn't letting the NBA star off the hook just yet.

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With jury selection under way, the criminal case was dropped late Wednesday by prosecutors who said the 20-year-old woman accusing Bryant of rape had decid-



Her exit followed gaffes that led to the public disclosure of her name and other personal details, and prosecutors said they would not carry on without her testimony.

Bryant But the Los Angeles
Lakers star still faces her federal civil lawsuit seeking unspecified damages. That case is still on, said L. Lin

Wood, the woman's attorney.

"There has been no settlement of the civil lawsuit, and there have been no discussions concerning a settlement." he said.

cussions concerning a settlement," he said.
The 26-year-old guard issued a written
apology that stopped short of taking respon-

sibility for his actions.

"Although I truly believe this encounter between us was consensual, I recognize

now that she did not and does not view thi incident the same way I did," he said.

In court, one of the woman's lawyers, John Clune, said Bryant's apology factored into her decision to drop out of the case. Defense attorneys Pamela Mackey and Hal Haddon said the accuser "insisted on that statement as a price of freedom," according to a story posted on the ESPN network Web site Thursday.

Bryant tearfully admitted more than a year ago he had consensual sex with the then-19-year-old employee of a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the married father of a little girl could have faced four years to life in prison, or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750.000.

Instead, prosecutors dropped the case after spending at least \$200,000 preparing for trial. District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said he could have won the case, but he supported the woman's decision to withdraw.

with a stipulation that charges will neve be refiled.

"Today justice is sadly interrupted. The casualty in this interruption has been a brave young woman who was grievously hurt," Hurlbert said.

Victims' rights groups said the way the case disintegrated could force states to take another look at rape-shield laws, which typically bar the sex life of an alleged assault victim from being admitted

as evidence.
Wendy Murphy, a professor at the New
England School of Law in Boston and a
former prosecutor, said the case could
shake many women's faith in the justice
system.

"The rules, the laws, the things that are supposed to make us treat each other with civility are a big joke, it doesn't matter," she said

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Top seed survives scare in U.S. Open

Top seed
Justine Henin-Hardenne
of Belgium returns a shot
against Tzipora Obzlier
of Israel during the second
round of the U.S. Open
in New York on Thursday,
Henin-Hardenne won 6-2, 5-7,
6-2. Other winners Thursday
included Lindsay Davenport,
Paradrom Srichaphan
and Nicolas Keifer.
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